



REPAIRING



JEWISH L.A.

IN A WAY ONLY WE CAN

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

POWERFUL ACTIVITIES

Movers & Shakers: A Virtual Networking Event with Bob Saget and OneRepublic

Join our Professional Networks for an evening of connection and community. The exciting festivities include special guest appearances by musical act **OneRepublic**, comedian **Bob Saget**, and Israeli Mentalist **Lior Suchard**; intimate networking opportunities; and a lively mixology experience to ring in the Jewish New Year — all emceed by actress and writer **Jasmine Elist**. And of course, we will hear powerful stories of Federation's recent work amid the crisis and our plans for the future.

Order your premium ticket by Friday, September 11th, to receive a party box with

cocktail ingredients, snacks, and a limited-supply gift for you!

[Buy your tickets now](#) 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

[Sign up today!](#)

Join the Shofar Wave: The Sound of the New Year — from the City to the Sea

At this time of physical distance, our Federation and IKAR are here to provide joy and community connection — in a way only we can. We want to make sure everyone can hear the sound we wait all year to hear, so please make sure your synagogue is participating! On the afternoon of Sunday, September 20th, the second day of Rosh Hashanah, we have coordinated with synagogues throughout all of Los Angeles to bring the sound of the shofar as a wave to every corner of our beloved city. We will start at 3:00 PM with the first set of *tekiot* (shofar blasts) from Pasadena and, upon completion, will set off another and another, culminating in final blasts in Thousand Oaks at 3:50 PM. The L.A. Shofar Wave is a special way for us to come together as members of our beautifully rich, diverse, and pluralistic Jewish community and to joyfully celebrate what 5781 has in store for our people, our city, and our world.

Sunday, September 20th, 3:00 PM

[Check out our page to see where and when you can come to hear the shofar!](#)

Ten Minutes Today Will Shape the Next Ten Years — Fill Out Your Census Today!

Our community has a lot to gain by making sure we are counted in the 2020 Census. Let's get the resources our community deserves! Fill out your census TODAY. [Visit the census website](#) or call (844) 330-2020.

Guided Meditation and Reflections for a New Year for Parents of Teens

Join our Los Angeles Jewish Teen Initiative as we welcome the Jewish New Year through guided meditation, learning, and sharing. Jewish educator and meditation instructor Robin Wald will lead parents of teens in a teaching grounded in Jewish wisdom, followed by a soulful meditation and an opportunity for personal reflection and group sharing. Themes explored will include Rosh Hashanah as a time of renewal and new beginnings: *How do we see our teens with fresh eyes and hearts*

and with renewed patience and understanding? What are our deepest hopes and intentions for our relationships with our teens and ourselves this year?

Thursday, September 10th, at 8:00 AM

[Register today.](#)

Economic Recovery After a Pandemic: Where Do We Go From Here?

Join our Finance & Business Professionals Network for a conversation with Chairman of City National Bank and RBC U.S. Wealth Management Russell Goldsmith and President & CEO of The Jewish Federation Jay Sanderson as they tackle the burning question, *Economic Recovery After a Pandemic: Where Do We Go From Here?*

Tuesday, September 15th, at 4:30 PM

[Register today.](#)

High Holiday Events and Resources 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 and resources](#) that are focused on inclusion and accessibility. Please check back periodically for updates.

A Virtual Civic Rosh Hashanah Celebration

Join us for a very special virtual civic Rosh Hashanah celebration along with our partners from the City of Los Angeles. Please join our Community Engagement initiative, Rabbi Ilana Grinblat and the Board of Rabbis of Southern California, Los Angeles City Attorney Mike Feuer, Los Angeles City Controller Ron Galperin, and City Councilmembers Bob Blumenfield and Paul Koretz as we join together in reflection and celebration. Please make sure to bring your own apples and honey so we can all toast to the sweet new year!

Thursday, September 17th, at 10:30 AM

[Register today.](#)

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.

Tour de Summer Camps

We are excited to announce that this year The Jewish Federation's 8th annual Tour de Summer Camps will be VIRTUAL. With the same vibrant energy, we have the same goal as in years past — to send more kids to Jewish summer camp. This time, we're just taking a slightly different course to get there!

This year, you can create your own route and ride in your neighborhood (or wherever you choose); enjoy a convenient, fast-paced spinning experience from home; or walk,

run, or hike while raising money to provide scholarships for kids to have a meaningful camp experience next summer!

Sign up now and we'll send you a Tour de Summer Camps mask to wear while you're training.

Sunday, November 1st

[Register today!](#)

Helping Our Community Make Their Voting Plan

Our Federation recognizes the importance of access and participating in the voting process. On August 27th at a webinar convened by our Federation in partnership with the Los Angeles Urban League (LAUL) and Jewish Family Service, our President & CEO Jay Sanderson facilitated a discussion with California Secretary of State Alex Padilla and LAUL President & CEO Michael Lawson. Jay started the event by stating, "We've never needed our voices heard more than they need to be heard." The three leaders then went on to discuss issues pertaining to voter registration, turnout, and the steps being taken to ensure a fair election. Secretary Padilla closed the event by assuring our community that, "Even in this time of physical isolation, we are working hard together to ensure that every person's voice is heard. So let's keep leaning on each other. Keep praying for each other. We will get through this." [You can view a recording of the event here.](#)

Community Briefing with Consul General of Israel Hillel Newman — Peace Between Israel and the United Arab Emirates

The Federation held a special webinar briefing with Consul General of Israel Dr. Hillel Newman in conversation with President & CEO of The Jewish Federation 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. If you missed it, you can [watch the recording of the webinar](#) and learn more about the peace deal and what it means for Israel's future.

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.*

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.

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.

Wednesday, September 9th, at 5:00 PM

[Register today.](#)

In Awe: NuRoots High Holidays 2020

Join NuRoots for [IN AWE](#), seven weeks of virtual gatherings and D.I.Y. experiences that explore a season of expansiveness, reflection, and astonishment. Brought to you in partnership with ONETABLE and [HERE FOR](#), their new collaborative High Holy Days platform, we are excited to support home-hosted ritual and virtual gatherings from Rosh Hashanah through Simchat Torah. We'll be regularly updating our collection of curated resources, experiences, and projects to help you D.I.Y the holidays and encounter awe. Learn more [here](#) and reserve your spot at one of our upcoming experiences:

- o **In Awe of Creativity: Awe...in a Flash!**

Calling all creatives! Poets and painters. Singers and songwriters. Essayists and outspoken idealists. Writers and righteous thinkers. Join NuRoots for its first-ever flash fiction challenge to commemorate the Days of Awe, the 10-day period between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur that calls for deep introspection and self-reflection.

[Submit your story](#) by September 11th.

- o **In Awe of Our Bodies: A Gender-Inclusive NuMoon Experience**

Join us to connect with the ancient Jewish ritual of Rosh Hodesh, the holiday that marks the start of the Hebrew month. We'll harness the power of the lunar cycle and embrace the awe we experience with and within our female, gender nonbinary, and male-identified bodies. All are welcome. In collaboration with [JQ International](#).

Wednesday, September 16th, 6:00 PM

[Reserve your spot.](#)

- **In Awe of Music: Return to the Source with Chloe Pourmorady**
Join musician, composer, and NuRoots community member Chloe Pourmorady for a musical, meditative, and spiritual journey through the themes of Elul. Weaving elements from *Shir HaShirim* (Song of Songs) and the Persian and Sephardi worlds, Chloe's unique melodies will guide you to find the awe in this moment and connect you to the source of our traditions.

Thursday, September 17th, 6:00 PM

[Reserve your spot.](#)

- **In Awe of Time: Shabbat Shuvah**
Shabbat Shuvah encourages us to consider ways we've missed the mark and can improve. This dinner will start with a candle-lighting hour to connect, share rituals, and look toward the year ahead. Your ticket includes a full pescatarian or vegetarian meal and Rosh Hashanah's symbolic foods — apples, challah, local honey, and more of the Rosh Hashanah *simanim* — sourced from L.A. vendors and neighbors.

Friday, September 25th, at 5:00 PM

[Reserve your spot](#) by Friday, September 18th.

- **Moments of Awe Challenge**
What are the ways this magical city of Los Angeles has made you stop and stand IN AWE? A sunset hike at Temescal Canyon? A delicious meal from your favorite neighborhood spot? A protest for racial justice? We'd love to feature a photo and short caption about this place/moment/encounter on the [NuRoots Instagram](#). Go [here](#) to take part.

Roots Radio

Introducing [Roots Radio](#), a new intergenerational, community-sourced podcast showcasing the voices, stories, and family histories of the generations that precede us. Listen to our first four episodes [here](#) and prepare to be inspired. *Generously supported by the Jewish Community Foundation of Los Angeles.*

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

Download [High Holidays at Home: A PJ Library Family Guide](#) to explore ways for your family to connect with the High Holidays at home!

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 — *Big Sam, the Rosh Hashanah Tall Tale*

- 4:00 PM — Draw and fold a giant, like Big Sam, out of paper, and write/draw your own tall tale.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 — Weekly Roundup Preview

Here's the weekly roundup of what PJ Library in Los Angeles has in store for families each week.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 — *Be Kind*

- 4:00 PM — Using repurposed plastic forks, water bottles, and cardboard, create a beautiful bouquet of flowers to give to a friend.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 — *New Year at the Pier*

- 4:00 PM — Virtually hike to one of our favorite water spots for the cleansing ceremony called *Tashlich*.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 — Weekly Roundup Preview

Here's the weekly roundup of what PJ Library in Los Angeles has in store for

families each week.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 — *A Concert in the Sand*

- o 4:00 PM — Play a concert with a handmade musical instrument built out of repurposed materials.

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.

Deliver Meals with Project Angel Food

Help Project Angel Food deliver free, medically tailored meals to individuals who are fighting critical illness and are alone. For more information and to sign up, email [Holly Fishbein](#).

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.

Volunteer with Jewish Family Service

Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles is looking for a **Russian speaking volunteer to help clients at our West Hollywood Comprehensive Service Center** with paperwork (housing applications, CalFresh, etc.) remotely, via a phone call or Zoom, once a week for about three hours.

Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles SOVA Community Food and Resource Program

Jewish Family Service is seeking volunteers who are available for the month of September. *Ideally, we ask volunteers to commit to the same day for the month (or longer), if possible.* Volunteers will pack grocery bags, restock pantry shelves, and distribute food to clients. Shifts are as follows:

Mondays-Thursdays, 8:30 AM-1:30 PM

Fridays, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Sundays, 8:30 AM-1:30 PM

To fill out a volunteer application or for more information, [email Joyce Williams](#), Director of Volunteer Services.

Send a Note of Love to the Los Angeles Jewish Home

Whether or not you have a loved one or a friend at the Jewish Home or have been looking to make a difference during this difficult time, sending a Note of Love is a way to say you care. There is no minimum age requirement to send in your "note" and you don't need to be an artist — adults and kids alike are encouraged to write a note, draw or paint a picture, or make a photo collage. Your Notes of Love will demonstrate to our seniors that they are being thought of with love during this time. [Find more information here.](#)

Provide Online Tutoring to Students with Step Up

[Step Up Tutoring](#)'s mission is to provide free online tutoring to students from low-income communities. During the pilot program, we are recruiting volunteers to tutor and mentor 500 5th-6th grade LAUSD students this fall semester. Step Up Tutoring's primary goal is to improve engagement and academic performance. The secondary goal is to promote understanding, empathy, and trust between people from diverse backgrounds. [All tutors are welcome to apply.](#)

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.](#)

Board of Rabbis Spotlight

The Board of Rabbis (BOR) continues to prepare the rabbis of the community for the upcoming High Holidays. Over the summer, the BOR offered 19 High Holiday Workshops to provide inspiration and insights to the rabbis so they can, in turn, inspire their congregations over the holidays. Last week, the Board of Rabbis hosted two High Holiday workshops for rabbis. Rabbi Ilana Grinblat, Vice-President of Community Engagement for the Board of Rabbis, taught a session on *Who Will Be Serene and Who Will Be Disturbed? High Holiday Torah to Keep Us Afloat*. Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson, Vice-President of the American Jewish University, taught a session on *Who Will be Impoverished and Who Will be Enriched? Spiritual Lessons About Passing Life's Tests*.

This week, the Board of Rabbis is hosting a special meeting with the Consul General of Israel Dr. Hillel Newman. Dr. Newman will offer an update on recent events in Israel including the new peace deal between Israel and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). The rabbis will have a chance to ask questions and engage in dialogue with the Consul General so they can share this crucial information with their congregations over the holidays.

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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