



Dear Friend,

While it is hard to imagine winter at the moment, it is on the horizon, with dropping temperatures and rain. This means we are thinking about the Bad Weather Shelter. In fact, with COVID and the knowledge that our longtime host, Pasadena Covenant Church, is not able to have the shelter this year, we have been thinking about it for the entire summer. Our main issue is this: we DO NOT have a location. We are aware of the incredible risks and challenges that having a shelter this winter will present, but we are committed to at least trying. We have reached out to many congregations, without luck. We know that the shelter will need to be significantly smaller this season, perhaps specialized for a specific demographic. However, without a location we will have to forgo it. The City of Pasadena is also looking, but without luck so far.

So, if you or someone you know has an empty office, storefront, building, etc., and are willing to discuss hosting the shelter, please contact me ASAP. As it is, many, if not most, of our chronically homeless neighbors will not have a shelter in Pasadena this season, but we do hope we can provide one for at least some folks.



On a brighter note, we are happy to welcome Fabian Gonzalez as our new Street Outreach Worker. Fabian is in need of snack bags to give out to folks on the street - these will hopefully help him to start conversations and win enough trust to get people on the road to permanent housing. We are looking for individuals or groups who would like to donate Ziploc baggies packed with items like:

- Bottled Water
- Granola bars
- Vienna canned sausages

- Spam
- Crackers
- Mini bottles of hand sanitizer
- Fruit snacks or fruit leather
- Disposable masks

Please contact Helen (office@friendsindeedpas.org, 626 797 2402 ext. 201) for more details.

With the [ongoing support and generosity](#) of people like you, we continue to offer all the help that we can in these difficult times. Thank you!

Finally, the Jewish community's celebration of holidays continues! This weekend is the beginning of Sukkot, or Feast of Booths. I was honored to participate in an online series produced by the first synagogue I worked at in NYC, B'nai Jeshurun. My talk is a video entitled, "Sukkot and the Fragility of Being Homeless." I have included the link to all five of the teachings. Mine is the last video, so scroll down.

<https://www.bj.org/waze-to-the-light/sukkot/>

Blessings, have a safe and lovely weekend,

Rabbi Joshua



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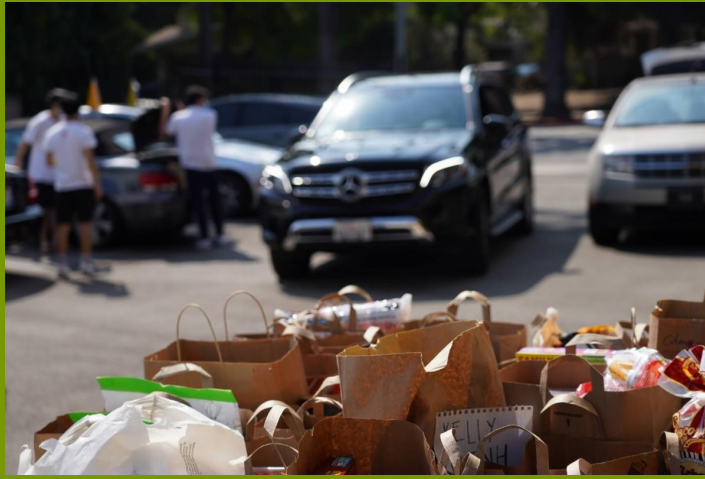
Our thanks to San Marino High School Red Cross Club for running a food drive!



Drive organizers Marcus and Carolyn unload the bags of groceries



They collected 1,600 lbs of food!



With more to come next week!

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