



## **Rabbi Joshua's Weekly Message**

Dear Friend,

We have started to tell the larger community about our plans for the bad weather distribution this season, so I want to update everyone here. Once again, due to COVID restrictions and our continued search for a new location, we will not be having a congregated bad weather shelter. We will be offering a similar program to last season - the provision of cold weather supplies, clothing, food bags, and other necessities to help our unsheltered neighbors during the coldest and wettest nights. In addition, we will have a limited number of motel rooms to offer, based on availability. Our plan is to prioritize the most vulnerable: seniors, women, and anyone disabled or immunocompromised. The hope is to have 12-15 rooms available. Once the most vulnerable are covered, and if we have rooms left, it will be on a first-come, first-served basis. In partnership with the city's Dial-a-Ride program, clients will be transported to the motel. As a reminder, our services are activated when the temperature is predicted to be 40 degrees or lower, or there is a 40% or more chance of rain.

We are grateful to partner this year with First United Methodist Church! In addition to being open on any weather-activated nights, we will be open every Thursday, regardless of weather, to offer the supplies, as well as nursing services from our long-standing partners at Azusa Pacific University's nursing program. Motels will be available only on weather-activated nights.



The program will begin January 7 and run until approximately mid-late March. We are planning to offer volunteer opportunities this year, and our Assistant Director of Bad Weather Shelter, Lindsey Reed, will be reaching out soon to all previous groups that have participated. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Lindsey: [bws2@friendsindeedpas.org](mailto:bws2@friendsindeedpas.org).

This week was a big one for FID in the media! I had an op-ed printed in Pasadena Now about the need for more creative solutions for transitional housing. And, The Women's Room is a featured segment on Spectrum News 1! We are grateful for the ability to share our message with as wide an audience as possible. Please share both links with family and friends.

We know that any of the work we do, and any PR we get, is not possible without all of YOU, our supporters, so thank you!

As we head into Thanksgiving week, I pray that everyone has a meaningful and gratitude-filled holiday. If you are looking for some additional ways to enhance the meaning around the table, I want to offer you something from the Jewish tradition that my friend and colleague, Rabbi Zoe Klein Miles, created. It is structured like the book we use at the Passover Seder. We may also acknowledge and reflect on the fact that, while Thanksgiving is a day of celebration for most Americans, it is a day of sadness and grief for many, if not all, of our Native American brothers and sisters.

We care for the most vulnerable every day at FID, but it is especially hard around holiday time. I encourage us to share some of our abundance with those in need on Thursday or throughout the week.

Blessings and have a lovely weekend,  
Rabbi Joshua



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### **Toiletries for The Women's Room**

We have a lot of thanks to give to the Varteni Otyag Daughters of Vartan organization! [Read more...](#)



### Girl Scout Food Drive

This food drive is courtesy of the Polytechnic School 4th grade Girl Scout Troop. [Read more...](#)



### Made with Love

Liz Jones hand-knitted hats and scarves for The Women's Room and our Cold Weather Distribution. [Read more...](#)



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## News and Events

### Will Hike for Food!

Our Friends at [Walking Pasadena](#), [Nobody Hikes In LA](#),



and [Weekend Sherpa](#) have organized a [Will Hike for Food](#) event in support of Friends In Deed, on Saturday November 27 at 9am!

You are invited to enjoy a moderate hike of about 3 miles at Cherry Canyon in La Canada. Participants are requested to bring nonperishable food items for collection and donation to Friends in Deed. Remember, time and location are subject to change due to weather and other conditions. Stay tuned to the [event page](#) for updates.



### Ten Thousand Villages Holiday Benefit Shopping

Shop for handmade fair trade gifts at [Ten Thousand Villages](#) in Pasadena, November 16-30, and they will donate 15% of your entire purchase back to our organization. Just be sure to mention Friends In Deed at checkout in order to support us when you shop.

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### Looking for a New Home

Our friends, Iglesia Comunidad Misionera, are looking for a new home! They are a small congregation of about 25 members who are looking for a space where they can hold services on Sundays for two to three hours. They are also hoping for access one day during the week for about two hours. Their budget is approximately \$1300/month.

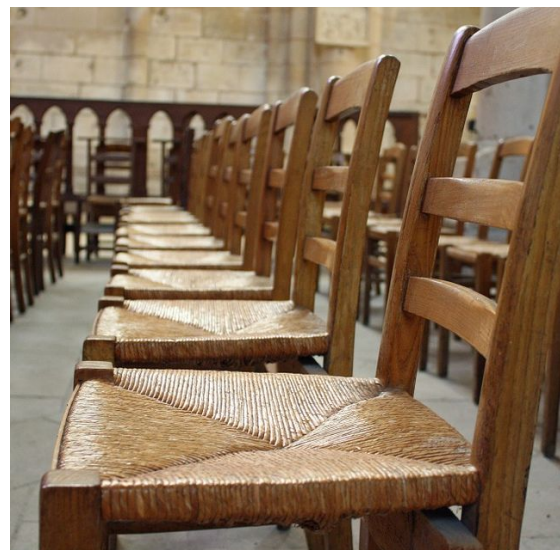
If any representatives of churches or other organizations on this email list know of a space that might fit this congregation's



**HOLIDAY  
BENEFIT SHOPPING**  
to support Friends In Deed



**NOVEMBER 16 - 30**  
at Ten Thousand Villages Pasadena  
567 South Lake Ave. Pasadena | [villagespasadena.com](http://villagespasadena.com)



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Pete Rossel, 626 321 0222,  
[prrossel@gmail.com](mailto:prrossel@gmail.com).

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