



Dear Friend,

One of the intangible gifts of The Women's Room is the trust that Marlene and Jane build with the ladies. This is a place where they feel safe, protected, and able to let their guard down - even if it's just a little bit. Obviously this happens over time, and is more pronounced with some ladies than others. But, these past few weeks, I have seen a level of trust that will most likely literally save lives. The majority of the women that have been coming are too afraid to get vaccinated for one reason or another. Marlene and Jane, along with trusted volunteers and nurses, have listened to their concerns, shared the facts, and hoped that they would get vaccinated.

I am super proud to say that in the past week, after some tears and prayer, several women decided to get the vaccine! We did offer a gift card incentive, but I don't think that was the prime reason for their decision. TWR, and the people who love and care about them, helped them to realize that what we were telling them was true and we would never do anything to intentionally harm them. The ladies who got vaccinated came back and were so proud to show us their vaccine cards! It was a good week - I am so thankful for Marlene and Jane who build this trust each and every day.

And that is a great segue into this week's Jazz on the Screen 2.0 honoree. We are thrilled to honor Anat Bruck, a long-time and super-dedicated TWR volunteer. Before COVID, Anat was here every Wednesday; and not just her, but her amazing meals that she prepared for the ladies. Anat is a talented cook, and she has shared so many of her tasty recipes and healthy foods. And there is always an abundance! In addition, Anat, who is Israeli, has brought an entire Hanukkah party and a full Passover Seder for the women. It is so powerful to share these traditions, and we have had some incredible conversations and educational opportunities around the rituals. Anat shares her wisdom with the ladies as well. She speaks in a kind but candid way, and she has helped many guests work through a problem or issue, or just been a loving ear. We are so happy to honor Anat!



Help celebrate Anat and all our honorees by [donating to Jazz, becoming a sponsor, or participating in our silent auction.](#) The festivities kick off on August 24!

Finally, on a sad note, we mourn the loss of a special woman, trailblazing spiritual leader and activist, and longtime FID supporter and board member: Bishop Beverly Shamana. Bishop Beverly spearheaded our transition to hosting the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast; she shared her love of art with guests in TWR; she hosted fundraisers in her home; and was a valuable member of our board of directors.



On a personal note, Beverly was a source of support and wisdom for me in the early days of my becoming Executive Director. She will be missed, and may her entire family find strength and comfort in community and with God's embrace. May Bishop Beverly's memory be for a blessing. Please read about her incredible life in the obituary below.

<https://www.umnews.org/en/news/renaissance-bishop-beverly-shamana-dies-at-81>

Blessings and have a lovely weekend,
Rabbi Joshua



PS. Pantry volunteers needed!

The Food Pantry is currently recruiting volunteers to help with client check in. This position has the most contact with our clients and involves entering client visits in our database system. Our community is diverse and the ability to communicate in Spanish, Mandarin, or Armenian is a plus. Volunteers are typically scheduled in 2-3 hour shifts on distribution days (Tuesday & Wednesday, 9am-3pm; Thursday, 9am-1pm). We are really looking for volunteers who can give us a regular weekly commitment for the next several months. If you are interested, please contact the Director of the Food Pantry, Tim (pantry@friendsindeedpas.org), or the the Food Pantry Manager, Stacey (staceyc@friendsindeedpas.org).

We can only operate with your help!

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"All Jazzed Up to Serve"

This Year's Jazz on the Green Stays Virtual for Jazz on the Screen!

Tuesday, August 24th –
Saturday, August 28th, 2021

With Live Kickoff Event on Tuesday at 7:00pm

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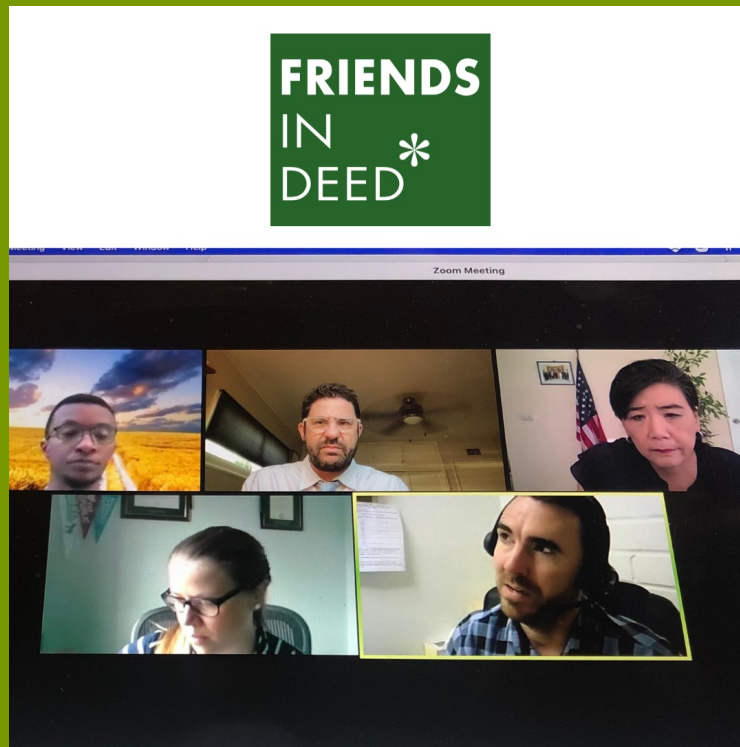
URGENT!

The Food Pantry is facing a serious shortage of shelf-stable foods! Our "Gold Items" include canned tuna and chicken, hearty soups, beef stew, chili, pasta and pasta sauce, peanut butter, cereal, rice, cooking oil, flour, sugar, fruit juice, and vegetable juice (V8). We can also use dried beans, oats, other whole grains, canned fruits and vegetables, canned beans, jelly, and milk (shelf stable or powder). Items must be within their sell-by dates and in unopened packages, and can be dropped off at 444 E. Washington Blvd. on Fridays and Saturdays, 9am - 3pm. Thank you!



Just a small selection of some of the delicious food that our Jazz on

the Screen 2.0 honoree, Anat, has provided for The Women's Room over the years!



Rabbi Joshua and Eviction Prevention and Rental Assistance Director Ryan Greer had a productive conversation with Congresswoman Judy Chu and members of her staff about the state of evictions in our district, sharing what we are dealing with and hearing her thoughts on federal and state funding and the looming end of the eviction moratorium. We appreciate her dedication to this issue.



Thank you to our friends at Little Jasmine. Their donation of almost 500 jars of seaweed snacks was extremely popular with our Food Pantry clients - they flew off the shelves!



"Ask A Nurse" is back at The Women's Room! For the first time since the start of the pandemic, Friends In Deed was blessed to have our TWR volunteer and retired nurse, Joyce, on-site talking to the ladies about health and wellness. Kicking off the first topic was how vaccines were created and why!



Friends In Deed was chosen as a 2021 California Nonprofit of the Year. [Read the full story here!](#)

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