



Rabbi Joshua's Weekly Message

Dear Friend,

Katie has a 1-year old daughter and is 8 1/2 months pregnant with a baby boy. She got COVID-19 earlier this year, and between caring for her kids and getting better, she ended up taking a leave from her nursing job downtown. Her doctor now has placed her on bedrest, but she has fallen behind on her rental payments for the year. Her landlord has been very understanding and helped ensure that Katie completed her rental assistance application through [Housing Is Key](#), but has also informed her that once the eviction moratorium ends in October, the owner will be issuing eviction notices to anyone who isn't fully caught up with their rent. Without knowing when rental assistance will be available from the federal government, Katie was fairly certain she would have to find a new home for her and her kids, which is incredibly stressful and significantly challenging while on bedrest. Thankfully, Katie found Friends In Deed, and she got in touch with Ryan, who was able to use rental assistance funding to ensure she and her kids can remain in their home until she is able to go back to work.



The number of evictions that we anticipate happening in the next few months is staggering; by some accounts, 750,000 households nationwide could be facing eviction as the federal and state moratoriums end. Our Eviction Prevention and Rental Assistance program (EPRA), of which Ryan is the sole staff person, is preparing for the local folks, and his phone is already starting to ring even

more everyday.

This is why the more unrestricted funds we have at our disposal, the more we have available for EPRA. Please consider [making a donation](#) today, and thank you so much for your generosity and commitment to those most vulnerable individuals and families that we serve each day at Friends In Deed.

I want to acknowledge tomorrow, which we all know is the 20th anniversary of 9/11. My wife and I lived about 90 minutes north of Manhattan in the Hudson Valley, after being in NYC for 6 years. She was pregnant with our twins, who were born one month later. I have many friends who served congregations in those days, of which several lost members and friends. I imagine we all have the moment of "where I was when..." May the memories of all those who perished, including so many first responders, be a blessing, and may the families who grieve find strength and comfort. And, as a nation, may we support and strengthen one another.



Finally, next week is Yom Kippur, the Jewish day of atonement where we are called to ask for, and offer, forgiveness. In light of this time of year in my tradition, I want to offer my sincere apology to anyone in our FID community I may have hurt this past year, even unintentionally, and ask for your forgiveness. This includes staff, volunteers, clients, community members, colleagues, board members, and everyone in our orbit. Thank you for the privilege of allowing me to lead such an amazing organization.

Blessings and have a lovely weekend,
Rabbi Joshua



PS. Jazz on the Screen 2.0 auction items are available for pickup. Please contact Helen at office@friendsindeedpas.org or 626.797.2402 ext. 201 to make arrangements.

We can only operate with your help!

Donate today

Join the Legacy Society

News and Events

Remembering Bishop Beverly

There will be a service remembering the life of Bishop Beverly Shamana tomorrow, September 11th, at 10am. It will be at First United Methodist Church in Pasadena. The service will be live-streamed via this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IUUGij6IFWw>



Food Pantry Donations!

The Food Pantry is facing a serious shortage of shelf-stable foods. Find a list of our most-needed foods [here](#) (scroll down). 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 between 9am - 3pm. Thank you!



A Night of Magic

One Colorado is holding a magic show next Saturday, September 18th and Friends In Deed will be receiving a portion of the proceeds! Register here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/167336713615>



Get Social



TWR Creations

The Women's Room guests created watercolor wall hangings inscribed with inspirational messages and quotes designed to encourage not only themselves but each other. Thanks to our wonderful volunteers who lead our guests in these meaningful art projects!



Keeping Neighbors Housed

Ryan, our Director of Eviction Prevention and Rental Assistance (EPRA), has been working steadily to keep people in our community housed! Did you know that the most effective and financially viable way to stop homelessness is to prevent it from happening in the first place?



Expressions of Hope

These artistic expressions of hope, faith, determination, and resilience were hung on the walls of The Women's Room to inspire other guests and to remind them that they're not alone in their struggles.



2021 Nonprofit of the Year!

Friends In Deed was chosen as a 2021 California Nonprofit of the Year!

[Read more about this prestigious award](#)

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