



Rabbi Joshua's Weekly Message

Dear Friend,

I'd like to start this week's email with a few words from Marlene, Director of The Women's Room:

This past Monday, September 13, 2021, The Women's Room celebrated its 14th anniversary. As a celebration of our special day, our guests created beautiful birthday cards with the help of one of our volunteers, Lisa. I was giving an explanation of why TWR was created and the changes we have gone through when one of our regular guests broke in and said, "I need the Women's Room, it saved my life." I reflected on those words for a moment and realized that TWR has become a sanctuary to those that come here.

I have worked as the Program Director for the Women's Room for seven years and every single one of our guests has made me feel lucky to have met them. Every guest struggles with their own personal obstacles but they take each day one moment at a time, they are strong, they survive, and I am glad I can be part of their journeys. The Women's Room strives to make their lives easier - not only do we offer the basic necessities such as showers, laundry, and food, but we are also here to listen. I have heard a lot of beautiful feedback from the guests but one that has stuck with me is, "Thank you for listening."

We are excited to continue providing a safe haven for women who are homeless and at-risk. We will always meet them with compassion, connection and dignity.



Also this week, I am thrilled to introduce our newest staff member, Erik Osugi. Erik is joining us in a brand new position, Senior Director of Programs. He will be responsible for overseeing all program activities, working with the directors to provide support and guidance and helping them to continue to grow and advance themselves and their programs. He will manage evaluation and measurement of impact and will work closely with me and Marty on strategic vision.



Erik comes to us with decades of experience, most recently serving as Chief Program Officer for LA Grad, an organization that helps low-income students prepare for and apply to college. He has worked in New York and the Bay Area, and is a native of Los Angeles. Welcome Erik!

As always, we can only do our work with your support and commitment. Thank you so much!

Blessings and have a lovely weekend,
Rabbi Joshua



We can only operate with your help!

Donate today

Join the Legacy Society

News and Events

A Night of Magic

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

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



Coffee with Community Services

The City of Pasadena is hosting a community outreach event on Tuesday, September 21st from 10am to 1pm. The event is at the Jackie Robinson Community Center and includes brief onsite consultations, refreshments, and scheduling of in-depth appointments for community members that need further support (click on the image for more information).



Coffee with COMMUNITY SERVICES

Join the City of Pasadena's Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department for a **free cup of coffee** at the Jackie Robinson Community Center! Come and meet our team to learn more about the services we offer, including assistance with landlord/tenant issues, immigration services, small claims, and applications for government assistance programs for youth, families, and seniors. We're here to support your well-being, so experienced community services staff will be on-site to provide initial consultations and follow-up appointment scheduling.

OFFERING FREE CONSULTATIONS FOR

- Utility Assistance
- Immigration Services
- Landlord/Tenant Disputes
- Medi-Cal and CalWORKS
- Various Court Documents
- Small Claims
- Social Security Appeals
- And More

WHEN	TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
TIME	10 A.M. - 1 P.M.
WHERE	JACKIE ROBINSON COMMUNITY CENTER
ADDRESS	1020 N. FAIR OAKS AVE., 91103
CONTACT	(626) 744 - 7300

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Eagle Scout!



Thanks to Boy Scout Troop 365, San Gabriel CA, and everyone who volunteered their time and donated to Daniel's Eagle Scout food drive project! [Read more](#)



Hercules Forwarding

Every other week, Hercules Forwarding brings shelf-stable food from the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank to Friends In Deed! [Read more](#)



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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