



Rabbi Joshua's Weekly Message

Dear Friend,

In keeping with the theme of celebrating The Women's Room's 14th birthday, this week we received a note on our Google Review page. It was not signed by the woman.

"Once upon a time... a few years ago... I experienced extreme hardship.. and this place was a godsend! The staff was incredible, friendly, compassionate, and welcoming. Lots of activities and classes were offered (pre-pandemic). They have a place for me to wash myself and rest a bit and people to socialize with. The Women's Room doesn't look like a center.. it feels like a home. Because of this warm and inviting place, I was able to reground myself, regain a new support system, and essentially rebuild myself. I'm so grateful for my experience with Friends In Deed and their sweet Women's Room. I made some wonderful, AMAZING and TALENTED friends.. whom I still stay in touch with 'til this day."



It is notes like this which remind us why we do the work we do each

day. Whoever comes through our doors - be they in The Women's Room, the Food Pantry, the Eviction Prevention and Rental Assistance program, or those whom our Street Outreach and Housing team meet on the streets - each person receives the love, compassion, dignity and respect that we all crave and need in our lives. We feel grateful to be able to be there for each of these souls as they seek solace, refuge, and a helping hand in times of need.

And, of course, we can't do any of this work without your help and support. We are in the time between Jazz and the end of the year, so please [help us sustain our work with a gift today](#). Your donation can help a person this week, a person just like the woman above from "once upon a time." 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

Get Social



Prepping for Cooler Weather

Jae (pictured, right) purchased 21 backpacks and filled them with toiletries, beanies, and gloves! [Read more](#)

We Love Fresh Produce!



Friends In Deed has been picking up pre-packed produce boxes from the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank on Saturdays throughout the summer. [Read more](#)



Fall Trees

The Women's Room has been crafting again! [Read more](#)

News and Events

Food Rescue Workshop

Athens Services and recycLA are holding an online food rescue workshop, Oct 14, 9am - 1pm.

Restaurants, caterers, grocers, hotels, hospitals, entertainment facilities, faith-based organizations, schools, government agencies, avid food rescue volunteers and advocates, and nonprofits engaged in food rescue and recovery are all invited to attend. Click on the photo for more information.

**GREATER LA
FOOD RESCUE WORKSHOP**
October 14 • 2021 • 9AM to 1PM

Rescuing Food for People and the Environment

RSVP for a free online workshop to learn and network with local food recovery nonprofits, partner organizations, and government agencies.
Register at: [LAFoodRescue2021.Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/LA-Food-Rescue-2021-tickets-15000000000000000000)

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- How Nonprofits Can Navigate SB 1383 Food Rescue Partnerships
- Food Donation Requirements for Businesses
- Government Readiness, Messaging, Tracking

recycLA
Make waste history

Athens Services

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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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