



Dear Friends,

It is heartbreaking to witness the devastating fires in the Los Angeles area, which are impacting so many, including our own friends and family. These fires, the most destructive in LA's history, have deeply affected the Jewish community. The historic Pasadena Jewish Center and Temple has been lost, and the Jewish Federation of Los Angeles is working tirelessly to connect those in need with shelters and resources.

Our team is closely monitoring the evolving situation and is here to guide you in providing support. The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington has launched a [Wildfire Crisis Relief Fund](#), and below, we've highlighted LA-based resources for immediate assistance to those facing evacuation, loss, and medical challenges.

Climate crises like this often hit the most vulnerable hardest, including impoverished and marginalized populations within and beyond the Jewish community. For LA's unhoused and low-income residents, evacuation often means overcrowded shelters. If you wish to direct your support to specific populations or organizations in the region, the following recommendations reflect Jewish values of compassion and care for those in need.

Greater LA Relief Efforts Supporting Victims and First Responders

Supporting First-Responders

- **Los Angeles Fire Department Foundation, EIN 27-2007326**
Seeking immediate support to provide apparel and equipment for the 3,500+ LAFD members currently battling wildfires in LA. Members include both firefighters and paramedics at 106 fires stations within the city.
- **Our Big Kitchen Los Angeles, EIN 84-4370166**
Combats hunger by providing meals, love, unity, and community. They are a community-run, industrial, **kosher** kitchen involving volunteers preparing meals for distribution across Los Angeles, Hot meals are being prepared for those in need, firefighters, and emergency personnel.

Supporting Unhoused Residents

- **The Midnight Mission, EIN 95-1691293**

The longest-running homeless shelter on Skid Row provides resources, support, family living, job training, and emergency services. Already at capacity before the fires, they are now striving to expand services to meet the surge in emergency needs.

- **Hollywood Food Coalition, EIN: 46-4079214**

Providing meals, community resource exchanges, and mask distribution at the Hollywood Salvation Army Campus and operating a mobile clinic in partnership with UCLA with medical services and additional mask distribution.

Supporting Local Aid

- **Pasadena Jewish Temple and Center, EIN 95-1691318**

The historic PJTC campus was destroyed in the Eaton Fire, with many congregants also losing their homes. PJTC urgently needs funds to support basic needs like housing, food, and clothing for affected members, secure a temporary spiritual space, and plan for eventual rebuilding.

- **Maple Counseling Center, EIN 95-2753118**

Providing **crisis mental health care** and regular counseling services, MCC offers sliding scale resources and insurance navigation for the Jewish community and beyond. They are assembling volunteer therapists to help respond to the ongoing crisis.

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We are grateful to live in such a generous community, and to partner with donors willing to step up in times of crisis. If you have family or loved ones on the West Coast, we join you in praying for their safety.

All my best,
Sara Brenner

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