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The *Book of Remembrance* is one way to remember and honor family, loved ones, and friends of Sacramento-area residents who perished in the Holocaust as well as those who survived and are now deceased. The book is updated annually.

Follow the link below to submit the names of your loved ones who directly experienced the Holocaust and to update or change listings from earlier books.

The books and a candlelight procession will be part of the Yom HaShoah Commemoration held on April 15, 2018.



A Communitywide Commemoration



Yom HaShoah 5778 Book of Remembrance

Submissions due by February 19, 2018
jewishsac.org/yom-hashoah-remembrance

However You Do Jewish!

The title of this article became relevant to me when I was having a conversation about my favorite subject, the Federation, and I said “however you do Jewish”...and went on. The woman that I was speaking with said “that should be the heading for one of your columns.” It seems absolutely appropriate for what I have to share this issue.

I am sitting at my computer today simply euphoric after my last few days attending the 2017 Jewish Federations of North America General Assembly. I knew that it would be several days of education, updates, sharing information with others in leadership across America, but I was not at all prepared for the emotional and deeply touching experience of being part of the Jewish world's amazing umbrella.

Our opening plenary told us the story of how Federations across North America came together to assist hard hit Houston's Jewish Community after one of the most damaging natural disasters in U.S. history. Israel sent a million dollars and boots on the ground within 48 hours. Members of Federations across the country grabbed the next flight to Houston to assist.

The plenary sessions each day brought us a level of celebrity I did not expect. Our first day, the Honorable Eric Garcetti, Mayor of Los Angeles, told stories of his Latino-Jewish family - followed by one of the most influential rabbinic figures of our time, Rabbi David Wolpe. His words were deep, meaningful and emotional. A perfect start for our Jewish experience.

The following morning, we attended a Board of Trustees meeting where I could cast our one vote for Sacramento and be updated on important issues facing world Jewry. It made me feel a real part of our Jewish future.

The roar of the Lion!...I thought I reached a high in Sacramento when I sat with twelve Sacramento women at lunch all proudly wearing their Lion and Pomegranate pins. I simply wasn't prepared to see hundreds of Lion donors all around me. From Ruby Lions to Platinum Lions encrusted with diamonds, representing the AMAZING power of women.

During our plenary sessions, we heard from Sean Rad, co-founder of the dating app Tinder, and his take on young Jewish people today and what they are looking for in their Jewish world. Later, I stood in awe as we were addressed at the closing plenary by His Excellency, Reuven Rivlin, the President of the state of Israel. His profound comment that Israel and the United States of America are a marriage and there will never be a divorce between us strengthened my belief in our partnership.

Our GA experience ended with the last plenary that welcomed a true hero, Natan Sharansky, and a conversation between Richard Sandler, chairman of the board of Federation with the Prime Minister of Israel, Benjamin Netanyahu. Prime Minister Netanyahu spoke of the homeland for all Jewish people and left us with a sense of pride of what we are as a people, our vision of Tikkun Olam. And, however you do Jewish, he reminded us, we must move forward.

We returned home with new inspiration and pride. Stay tuned for a very big year as we celebrate the 70th birthday of Israel.

See you at 2130 21st Street.

Carol Loew

President

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The Jewish Federation OF THE SACRAMENTO REGION

Thursday,
January 18

The
Annual
Meeting
2018

Evening
Event



The Jewish Federation
OF THE SACRAMENTO REGION

Wednesday,
February 14

Lunch &
Learn
Women's
Philanthropy
Inaugural
Event:



Lion of Judah



Pomegranate
Societies

Thursday,
Saturday
& Sunday
April 19,
21 & 22



Sacramento
Jewish Film
Festival

The Crest
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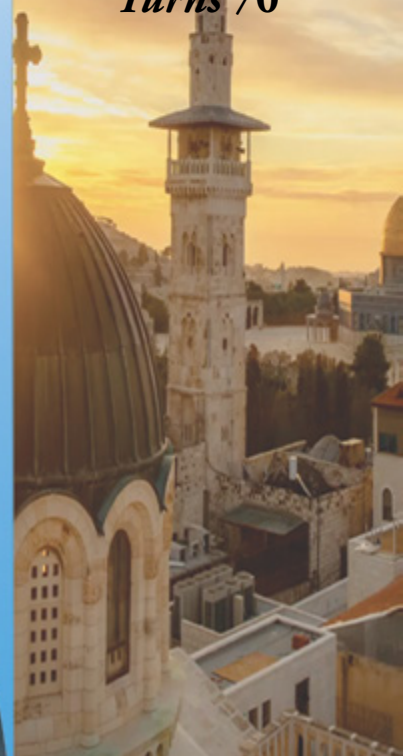


Sunday,
April 29



Happy
Birthday
Israel

Celebrate with
Us as Israel
Turns 70



QUESTIONS? Email Federation@jewishsac.org or call 916.486.0906.



A Commitment to Israel

It is no easy feat these days for a Jewish communal professional, let alone a Federation Executive, to discuss Israel. We have become so polarized. Israel was once the single most important unifying cause of diaspora - especially American - Jewry. Today, our support for Israel (or lack of) is now at best a contentious subject, and often the single most divisive factor among diaspora - especially American - Jewry. I will not get into the details of either side of this argument, for everyone is entitled to their beliefs. However, as we approach the 70th Birthday of the state of Israel, what I'd like to focus on is how our Sacramento community can work together to strengthen our support for the state of Israel in a meaningful, diverse, and impactful way using the strength, resources and infrastructure of the Federation, and our partner organizations like the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) and the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC).

The Jewish Federation of the Sacramento Region does not currently make any allocations to Israel, and/or programming that takes place in Israel - and has not for some time. This seems odd to me, as this community clearly cares a great deal - and are not afraid to tell you - about the state of Israel. Whether Hawks or Doves, Democrats or Republicans, AIPAC'ers or J-Street'ers - we do care, and I believe it is the responsibility of the Federation to provide an opportunity for our donors to support programs in Israel. The role of the Federation, as defined in our mission statement, clearly states "to provide educational, cultural, and social services and programs within the Jewish community locally and around the world". Israel is certainly part of this world and should be represented within our support.

The options are plentiful, and critical. Organizations like Sifriyat Pijama (the Israeli sister program of PJ Library) and The Counseling Center for Women - which runs a crisis center in our sister city of Ashkelon - to Israeli NGO's like Lecket (an organization that distributes surpluses of nutritious food to those in need). We can, and should be helping.

Some may say our community, and campaign, is too small to support additional allocations but I believe we must start somewhere. We have a responsibility to help, and we need to create opportunities to fulfill our responsibility. For however small we may start, the greatest mistake would be to do nothing because we feel we may only be able to do a little.

It is my hope that in the coming years, The Jewish Federation of the Sacramento Region, through the leadership of our Board of Directors, will work together to create a designated Israel Fund that will allow this community to support diverse and important programming in Israel, just as we do right here at home.

Thank you in advance, and for all the support that this community has given the Federation and those we serve. We could not, and cannot, do this without you.

Happy Birthday, Israel & Am Yisrael Chai.

Respectfully,

Willie Recht

Executive Director

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Israel at 70: A National Voice

This has been a year of milestones: 100 years since the Balfour Declaration; 50 years since the reunification of Jerusalem; 40 years since Sadat's historical trip to Israel. And perhaps above them all, stands the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Jewish State.

As an American who has been living in Israel for decades, I don't wear rose-colored glasses. I see Israel's many faults. I am often concerned, and sometimes even pained, by so many aspects of what happens here.

And yet, as the 70th anniversary approaches, I feel immensely proud: of my country, my fellow Israelis and the American Jewish community.

A few months ago I was lucky enough to be in a small group of invitees to an official reception for the U.S. President who was visiting Israel. As I watched the pomp and ceremony of a state event with the leaders of Israel and the United States, I couldn't help but think of how far we've come. Seventy years ago our people were on the brink of extinction. Fresh from the death camps of Europe, a few hundred thousand Jews established a Jewish state against odds that were overwhelming.

Back then, the Jewish community in North America, led by Jewish Federations, stood up. Some volunteered and came to the Holy Land to take part in the struggle. Many sent money, while others began to walk the corridors of Congress, lobbying support for Israel. And that was just the beginning. Throughout the country's history, North American Jews have made endless and invaluable contributions to every aspect of life in Israel.

Today, as I walk the streets of Jerusalem, I see a miracle: A modern democracy, a thriving economy, and a land of remarkable academic and scientific achievements. Despite so many seemingly insurmountable obstacles, Israel – with the help and support of North American Jewry – has become a beacon of light to the entire world. And that makes this American-Israeli Jewish girl, immensely proud. Happy birthday!

Rebecca Caspi

Senior VP, Global Operations & Director General, JFNA Israel

My Israeli Family



L to R: Cipi Re'em, Yair Re'em, Shimon Re'em, Atara Re'em, Nehemia Re'em, Don Gilbert (at 16!) in Haifa, Israel 1978, Haifa, Israel.

Israel is a dynamic country. Its landscape, its history, its Jewish character, its resilience, its fearlessness, its innovation, and its vibrancy are amazing.

Early on I learned the most incredible thing about Israel is its people. In 1978, at 16, I went on my first visit; a seven-week teen trip. One Friday, we went to Haifa to spend the weekend with teens from a modern Orthodox youth group. I was paired with Nehemia (Hemi) Re'em. We went to Hemi's apartment where I met his parents, Shimon and Cipi, his sisters, Anat (11) and Atara (seven), and his one-year-old brother Yair. They were smart, charismatic, fun, warm, modern Orthodox, and Zionists. I spent my first observant Shabbat at the Re'em's home. They were the first Israelis I got to know. Life would never be the same.



L to R: Don Gilbert, Shimon Re'em, Alan Edelstein, Israel 2014.

I returned in 1980/81 to live on a kibbutz and learn Hebrew. The Re'em's gave me a key to their apartment and told me to visit any time. I did. Repeatedly. I went to Tel Aviv University in 1982/83. I still had the key. I spent many weekends with the Re'em's. So did my friends. Repeatedly.

The Re'em's encompass everything I cherish about Israel. Over the years our extended families have become very close. We laugh, we agree, we disagree. We care for one another because we – an American Jewish family and an Israeli Jewish family – are inextricably linked. Just as our families are bound together, so is our future.

Don Gilbert

Board Member-At-Large

Women's Philanthropy



L to R: Shirley Rosenbloom, Marion Leff, Deborah Hoffman Gonzalez, Carol Loew, Anne Eisenberg, Linda Poisner, Evie Lieb, Bobbi Nathanson

On Friday, October 27, our esteemed Lions of Judah attended a luncheon at the beautiful home of Bobbi Nathanson. Dining on butternut squash soup and salmon salad, each woman shared her experience of how they learned to give, why it is important, and what being a Lion means to them. A highlight was when Marion Leff read a letter written to her by her late father, a past Federation Executive, on the importance of giving and the vital role that Federations play in our Jewish communities. Our next event will be on Wednesday, February 14. For those interested in participating in our women's societies, contact federation@jewishsac.org or call 916.486.0906.



L to R: Carol Loew, Shirley Rosenbloom, Marion Leff, Linda Poisner, Deborah Hoffman Gonzalez, Carol Tager, Evie Lieb, Anne Eisenberg, Bobbi Nathanson

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Wishing you and your family a Happy Chanukah

NCJW: Governor Signs AB 260 & SB 225 trafficking bills

For 125 years, the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) have fought human trafficking. This began with the protection of vulnerable women and children immigrants at Ellis Island. Continuing that tradition of advocacy, NCJW CA and Sacramento Section scored two important victories with the passage and signing of two human trafficking bills it co-sponsored: AB 260 & SB 225. The new laws will enhance an existing law which was also co-sponsored by NCJW CA, by adding hotels and motels (prime locations for trafficking) to the list of businesses required to post a public notice with human trafficking Hotline safety phone numbers. The new laws also update the model notice to include a TEXT number to these Hotlines, the safest way for survivors and the community to report abuses. This type of notice is the single most important means for identifying and rescuing trafficked victims. Each year, the National Human Trafficking Hotline yields thousands of cases ([7,572 cases in 2016 alone](#)) with usage going up consistently each year. Human trafficking is a multibillion dollar criminal enterprise in California.

NCJW Sacramento advocates played a crucial role in the legislative success. Along with other California members, they visited their legislators during the NCJW CA annual lobby day in support of the bills and contacted the Governor to encourage signing

of the bills. Through the NCJW CA Rapid Response Team, they received alerts for needed action, and they responded! The Sacramento Section has also been actively engaged in the implementation of the notice law. It created a regional model notice and initiated an ongoing community wide effort -SAC POST- to educate businesses about human trafficking and their responsibility to post the life saving notice.



NCJW members lobby at state capitol for priority bills impacting women, families and children at annual lobby day in Sacramento

NCJW Sacramento invites the Jewish community to join the fight against human trafficking through advocacy and community outreach. Contact Claire Lipschultz at ncjwcaclaire@gmail.com for more information.

Claire Lipschultz, National Board Director, State Policy Advocate & Sacramento Section Board Director, NCJW

CID: Two New Initiatives

For individuals with disabilities, and their families, every day may be a Disabilities Awareness Day - an on-going awareness of how a physical, mental health, cognitive, sensory or developmental disability may impact a family, and an individual's ability to fully participate in daily activities and interactions with others.

Increasingly, Jewish communities nationwide are now working to support those families and address their challenges, while also making participation in Jewish life cycle experiences more accessible and inviting. The Federation's Committee on Inclusion & Disability (CID) is pleased to report two new initiatives working to make a difference in our region.

National Jewish Disabilities Awareness & Inclusion Month Resources: Each February, this nationally celebrated awareness campaign highlights programs and communities working to bring people with disabilities, their families, and those who love them, into their Jewish communities in meaningful ways.

This year, CID will focus on the experiences of families and how synagogues, organizations and community leaders can support Jewish families of individuals with disabilities, across the lifespan.

The CID Resource Network: With the support and technical assistance from Federation consultant, David Poisner, CID will soon pilot test an electronic database system designed to identify and link individuals, families, resources and organizations able to offer disability-related information and support. Watch for the formal launch of the project in early 2018.

Please contact the Federation for more information about CID and share your ideas for these important new initiatives. It really does take a village!

Sheila Wolfe & Patty Salcedo, Co-Chairs, CID, CID@jewishsac.org



Eating Cheese for Chanukah by Evie Lieb

The cheesy foods tradition is based on a story from the apocryphal [Book of Judith](#) which takes place during the time of the [Maccabean revolt](#) that we commemorate on Chanukah. In it, an Assyrian warrior named Holofernes besieges the town of Bethulia, and though Bethulia's elders are ready to surrender, Judith (a widow) enters the Assyrian camp and gives Holofernes salty cheese to make him thirsty and wine to make him drunk. After he becomes intoxicated, she seizes his sword and beheads him, bringing the head back to her village in a basket. The next morning when the Assyrian troops found the headless body of their leader, they fled in terror. While a severed head is not the most appetizing image, we honor Judith's victorious and brave use of cheese by incorporating the dairy product into our Chanukah menus.



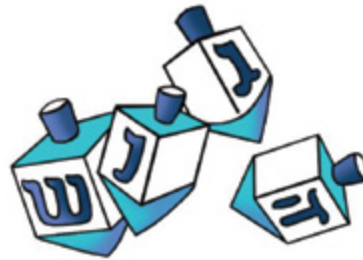
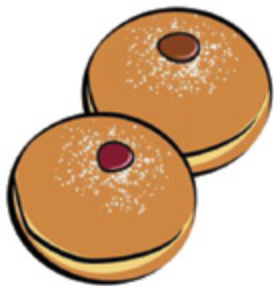
Left: Judith with the Head of Holofernes by Lucas Cranach the Elder, 1530

FRICO

(Cheese crisps to serve with salad)

Place teaspoonfuls of grated cheese (such as Parmesan or Asiago) on a parchment-lined baking sheet and flatten to 2" rounds. Place in preheated 350° oven for about 5 minutes or until cheese shreds have melted together into a wafer and are golden in color. Drape warm wafers over a rolling pin or wooden spoon handle to give them a curved shape or slide parchment onto a rack and allow them to cool flat. You can add cumin or fennel seeds to the cheese.

These can be stored airtight at room temperature for up to 3 days.



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2018-19 Scholarship Application Now Available for High School Seniors in the Capitol Region

The **Schwab-Rosenhouse Memorial Scholarship** promotes and supports higher education for high school seniors living in the greater Sacramento region by providing scholarships for post-secondary study at colleges, universities and vocational/technical institutions within 100 miles of the Sacramento County Courthouse.

High school seniors who meet all California residency requirements and reside in El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento or Yolo Counties are eligible to apply for renewable scholarships worth up to \$5,000 per academic year.

The Jewish Federation of the Sacramento Region provides oversight for the scholarship program, which is open to all eligible students regardless of ethnicity, gender, religion or field of study. International Scholarship and Tuition Services, Inc. (ISTS) serves as the administrator of the scholarship on behalf of the Schwab-Rosenhouse Memorial Scholarship Foundation.

For more information or to apply for the scholarship, go to jewishsac.org/schwabrosenhousescholarships

All applications must be submitted by February 8, 2018 at 11:59pm Pacific Time



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PJ Library: The Lesson Within the Stories

I recently met a PJ Library family in our community that is Jewish by heritage, but like many of our PJ families, remains unaffiliated with any synagogue. Their daughter, Sophia, truly loves her PJ books and when I revealed that I am the “PJ Lady” she exclaimed, “You’re the PJ lady! I love you!”.

Her parents shared with me that because their daughter enjoys PJ Library so much, they are seeking out Jewish connections in their community. I hear stories like this so often in my Federation work: families looking for stronger Jewish bonds because of PJ Library.

At times, we think of Sacramento as a small Jewish community, but PJ Library in Sacramento is by no means small. Over the last decade, we

have served over 2,000 families and sent over 75,000 books. Many of these families believe they are isolated from a Jewish community and it is because of the Federation’s PJ Programming that they can connect and find Jewish fellowship. When I read the PJ books to my own daughter at night, I think of how priceless the lessons within the stories are and how PJ has been instrumental in bringing Judaism into my own home.

PJ Library is a free gift. We ask for your help to keep this gift alive for future families, families like Sophia’s, who have found their Jewish way through these books. You cannot buy PJ Library, but your support gives the gift of PJ to future generations.

Rikki Kass

PJ Library Program Coordinator
rkass@jewishsac.org



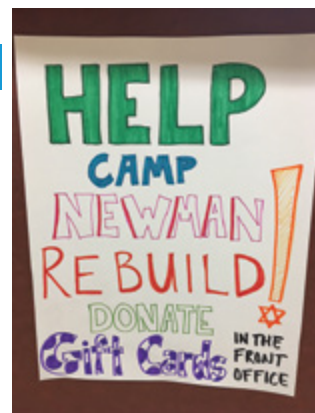
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Shalom Students Lead and Give Back

Our tradition teaches “You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to desist from it (Pirkei Avot).” While we aren’t required to fix every problem in the world, we also aren’t permitted to let the problems we can solve go unaddressed. At Shalom School, our students embody this teaching in ways both big and small.

Students learn early, both by instruction and example, that helping to solve problems makes the world a better place. They are proud to share their toys or help a friend who is struggling. Many of our children bring tzedakah each Friday, and our Student Council also takes on larger projects that help others near and far.

Last year, our Student Council sponsored the Shalom School Annual Walkathon and raised over \$5,000. Student leaders researched options and chose HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society) as the beneficiary. Responding to our students’ kindness, Mark Hetfield, CEO of HIAS wrote, “Thank you so much for your incredible generosity toward refugees! We at HIAS are so grateful. Please continue to make Sacramento a welcoming place.”



Shalom School Leaders in Action

This year, students have already taken on two fundraising projects. First, they raised money to support relief efforts for hurricane victims in Houston, and they are currently collecting gift cards and raising funds to help Camp Newman in the wake of the recent fires, as part of a wider effort by Jewish day schools across the Northern California region.

As Ava Fahn, Student Council president, put it, “the work of Student Council is meaningful because it helps us get involved with the community outside our school and our tradition teaches us about the importance of giving back.” We are grateful for our students’ commitment and hard work in support of these important causes!

Nancy Leaderman
Head of School, Shalom School

Life & Legacy: JCFW

The Jewish Community Foundation of the West is here to enhance charitable giving. We are here to partner with Jewish organizations in our region such as the Jewish Federation of the Sacramento Region to help you achieve your goals. Our mission supports your needs, to help you build permanent reserves and save for that rainy day, while encouraging philanthropy within your organizations and in the greater community. We want our Jewish community to thrive long past our time and for many more generations to come.



One of the ways we are working with our community partners, like the Jewish Federation is through the LIFE & LEGACY program of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation - now in its fourth year. Over these four years there have been over 530 individual legacy conversations and those conversations have resulted in 272 legacy commitments totaling an estimated \$6.8 million in future gifts.

As of June 2017, 465 Jewish organizations are participating in this program resulting in 15,700 legacy commitments. These commitments represent an estimated half a BILLION dollars in future gifts to Jewish communities across the United States.

Every member of our community can take part in leaving a Legacy to the Jewish community. Please contact me at pam.herman@jcfwest.com or 916.441.1613.

Pam Herman

Executive Director, JCFW

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The Jewish Federation of the Sacramento Region would like to thank our Life & Legacy family. Planting the seeds for future generations, the Life and Legacy program enables us to continue our work for the community and ensures our community remains vibrant and resilient for years to come.

A Night at the Sacramento Theatre Company



On Thursday, October 19, Federation hosted a Jewish Community Night at the Sacramento Theatre Company (STC) for their production of *The Diary of Anne Frank*. Noshing on treats from Solomon's Delicatessen and Upper Crust while chatting with friends – old and new – we took our seats and anticipated a captivating

evening. We were proud to partner with STC and were moved by the riveting performances.



*Chris Drouin,
Wendy Phoenix,
Willie Recht,
Deborah
Hoffman
Gonzalez*



*Back Row L to R: Phil Spilberg, Lydia Inghram, Chris Drouin,
Jana Uslan, Brian Uslan, Marcy Dobrow, Ron Simon
Front Row L to R: Barbara Beeman, Sheila Wolfe, Susan Solarz,
Carol Loew, Shelley Spilberg, Miriam Simon*



David & Linda Poisner



*Marion Leff,
Frances Weintraub*

JCRC: Latino-Jewish Forum



This fall the Latino-Jewish Forum following up on its call to action worked to promote the vision we want to see for our community; that is a welcoming place that joins together to fight bigotry and hate. Reaching out to Supervisor Patrick Kennedy, our group began to work on how we could assist undocumented families at risk for deportation by ensuring that their children would have a safe place to stay if their parents were incarcerated due to their status, or deported. Shama Chaiken and Catherine Lopez head up this effort. B'nai Israel hosted two meetings where the County explained their efforts and recruited to take in these children.

The second project of the Latino-Jewish Forum is to reach out to the education community and help them address issues facing families. County Office of Education's Superintendent Dave Gordon and Brian Rivas, Board Chair, joined us to create a successful workshop for education leaders. Co-Chaired by Rhonda Rios Kravitz and Jason Weiner, and aided by newly appointed County Office Board Member Bina Lefkovitz, over seventy school board members, superintendents and staff attended. Speakers included Supervisor Kennedy, representatives from McGeorge Law School, California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation, Mexican Consulate, Jessie Ryan (Sacramento City Unified) and Paula Villescaz (San Juan Unified Board Members) and Latino-Jewish Forum members Rachel Rios of La Familia Counseling Center and Co-Chair of the Forum, Deborah Ortiz, from Opening Doors. Those attending asked for follow up workshops within their districts to reach principals, teachers and parents about rights and responsibilities. This will be the next part of the work of the Forum as we reach out deeper into the community.

We ask others who are concerned about some of the egregious actions that divide rather than unite us to join in our efforts. If you are interested, contact Dowden@HRDowden.com.

Hellan Roth Dowden
Co-Chair, Latino - Jewish Forum



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Pre-need arrangements are encouraged to ensure that desired final wishes will be carried out, and to ease the burden on surviving family members.

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