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Dear Friend,

As we prepare for Chanukah and think about gifts for family and friends, we also reflect upon our own blessings and consider gifts to our favorite charities.

There's no better time to make a tax-deductible contribution to the Jewish Historical Society of Southern California and the Breed Street Shul Project!

We're grateful for your continued support of JHS, which makes possible

- **Tours of Jewish Los Angeles and Jewish Tijuana**
- **Films, Lectures, Exhibits, Publications, Oral History**
- **The JHS Community Archive**
- **Breed Street Shul Project**

We're proud to announce that the **Breed Street Shul Project** has just been awarded a **\$235,000 challenge grant** from the California Cultural and Historical Endowment. This grant will go toward replacement of the roof on the Shul's original 1915 rear building (which we fear will not survive another severe winter) and completion of seismic work on both the rear building and main sanctuary.

As I reported last year, the main sanctuary roof and ceiling have been entirely replaced, pigeons and hazardous materials have been removed and precious stained glass windows have been painstakingly reconstructed.

Yet much remains to be done for the Shul to reopen its doors as both a tangible, irreplaceable symbol of local Jewish history and as a focal point to serve educational and cultural needs of the Shul's Boyle Heights neighbors.

In addition to renewing your JHS membership, please make an additional gift to the Breed Street Shul Project to help match this challenge grant and allow construction to move forward without delay.

Together we will preserve our precious heritage for the next generation and build bridges with our neighbors—honoring the past and creating the future.

Thank you in advance for your generous contribution. The JHS Board joins me in wishing you and your loved ones a Happy Chanukah and a peaceful new year.

L'shalom,

Stephen J. Sass
President