

JEWISH SYMPHONY PROJECT

The power of music to inspire, heal and reconnect with the past was evident throughout a four-week workshop that culminated in a live, rousing performance by the Los Angeles Jewish Symphony. During the month of October, approximately 250 of our residents participated in a series of workshops focusing on Sephardic and Ashkenazic music from life cycle events. Both educational and therapeutic in nature, these workshops enabled our residents to gain a new understanding and appreciation for the music. For many, the music awakened long-repressed memories of childhood, weddings, bar mitzvahs and holidays. A delighted audience clapped, sang along with familiar tunes and was swept up in the live performance – a fitting and moving grand finale for this unique program.



SARNAT SYMPOSIUM

Renowned "Eden Alternative" founder Dr. William Thomas was the keynote speaker at the Jewish Home's third annual Rhoda G. and Bernard G. Sarnat Symposium for Geriatric Care. Other prominent experts in the field of geriatrics and geriatric care joined Thomas, whose unique vision for the future of nursing homes was the highlight of the Symposium. The annual Symposium for Geriatric Care, this year titled "New Directions in Senior Care," promotes the education of professionals, especially social workers, who play a direct role in the care of seniors. The Symposium is made possible through a generous endowment gift made to the Jewish Home by Dr. Rhoda and Dr. Bernard Sarnat.



Pictured (left to right): Jewish Home CEO Molly Forrest, keynote speaker Dr. William Thomas, symposium participant and Jewish Home Board member Miriam Cotler Ph.D.