

**L.A. JEWISH SYMPHONY  
IN CONCERT FEBRUARY 24**



*Noreen Green*  
conductor

A thirteen-member ensemble from the Los Angeles Jewish Symphony will appear in concert at the Jewish Community Center on Saturday evening, February 24. The performance, which is part of this year's JCC Concert Series, will begin at 8 pm and will feature the works of American Jewish composers Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco,

Leon Stein, Robert Strassburg, Lucas Richman, George Gershwin and Aaron Copland.

The Los Angeles Jewish Symphony debuted in 1994 with musicians drawn from the ranks of the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the L.A. Chamber Orchestra, local symphonies and top studio performers. In two remarkable seasons under the artistic direction of Noreen Green, the orchestra has won critical acclaim from audiences, musicians and reviewers.

Green, who was born and raised in Los Angeles, has long been active in Jewish music. Much of her background relates to choral music; she received her doctor of musical arts degree in choral music from the University of Southern California and is west coast director of the Nowakowsky Foundation, performing and editing the works of the 19th-century Russian liturgical composer David Nowakowsky - so the symphony was somewhat of a departure for her. Additionally, the Rocky Mountains might seem like a strange place for the conception of a Jewish music group, but that is exactly where, with encouragement from former Long Beach Symphony conductor Murray Sidlin, she was inspired to found the orchestra.

An important component of the Los Angeles Jewish Symphony's approach to Jewish music performance is Green's introduction to the concert selections. She speaks about each piece and its relation to the theme of the program. "I want the audience to have an active part in the music-making experience," Green explained. "And I have been inspired by Leonard Bernstein and his Music for the Young."

According to *Los Angeles Times* reviewer Josef Woodard, the Los Angeles Jewish Symphony has been an important and impressive addition to the L.A. classical music scene, enhancing the cultural spectrum with its commitment to Jewish musicians and composers.

Tickets for the concert are now on sale at the Center reception desk, by mail with check made payable to the JCC or by phone charge with VISA or MasterCard. The fee is \$12 (\$10 for JCC members). Tickets will also be available at the auditorium box office one hour prior to the 8 pm performance.

**JCC LESBIAN/GAY HAVURAH  
DELIVERS CHICKEN SOUP**



The Steering Committee of the Long Beach Gay and Lesbian Havurah, in an historic meeting with other interested people from the Havurah and with Rabbi Rafael Goldstein, Director of Los Angeles Jewish AIDS Services (LAJAS), has agreed to participate in Project Chicken

Soup. Volunteers from the Havurah will go to Los Angeles once a month to help prepare kosher meals. These meals will then be brought to the Long Beach Jewish Community Center where other volunteers will deliver them to Jewish people in our area who are living with AIDS/HIV. Along with the meals personal hygiene items and household supplies will also be delivered.

The first delivery took place in mid-January. An intensive training for volunteers took place on January 21 at the LAJAS office, 6505 Wilshire, Los Angeles.

*How can you help?* If you are interested in assisting with the meal preparation or the deliveries, call Lynne Rosenstein at the JCC, ex 31. If you have a friend or relative who is Jewish and has HIV disease or AIDS, talk to them about Project Chicken Soup. If they would like to have a meal delivered by an empathetic volunteer, they should call LAJAS directly at 213/653-8313.

**GRADE SCHOOLERS - SPEND  
VACATION DAYS AT THE CENTER**

Two vacation programs are offered for grade schoolers, grades K-6, for Lincoln's Birthday and Presidents' Day. Friday, February 16 is our "Presidents' Day Celebration". Children will take part in cooking and craft projects that relate to our past presidents. Also included in the program schedule are indoor and outdoor games. On Monday, February 19 the program is "YOU OUGHT TO BE IN PICTURES" Children will use film and video to create short movies and will film and be filmed in this fun packed day. Both programs run from 9-2:30 pm with child care available from 7-9 am and 2:30-6 pm.

The fee for each program is \$16 for Center members (\$20 non-memb). For information or to registration, call Susan Paletz, ex 39.

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