

The Jewish Free Loan Association's 111th Anniversary Gala Awards Dinner

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**Jewish Free Loan Association Honors
Dr. Richard Shemin, Mike Feuer, Jim & Sanda Kohn and Betsy Berger at its Annual Gala.**

*Leading LA Social Service Agency Continues Its Commitment to Help LA's Neediest
with Interest Free Loans*

LOS ANGELES – The Jewish Free Loan Association of Los Angeles held its annual gala on June 10th at the Luxe Sunset Boulevard Hotel in Bel Air. The inspirational evening celebrated the organization's 111 year commitment to helping Los Angeles residents facing financial challenges.

The evening also honored five long time supporters of the organization:

Richard Shemin, M.D. received *The Nathan Shapell Memorial Lifetime Commitment Award*. Dr. Shemin is one of the nation's top heart surgeons who is the Executive Vice Chairman of the Department of Surgery, Chief Cardiac Surgery, and Co-director of the Cardiovascular Center at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA.

Los Angeles City Attorney, Mike Feuer, was given *The Ben & Anne Werber Communal Service Award*. As L.A.'s chief lawyer and prosecutor, Mr. Feuer has brought innovative, problem-solving solutions to improve the quality of life for LA residents throughout the city.

James and Sandra Kohn were recognized with *The Mitchell Family Foundation Philanthropy Award* for their longstanding commitment to the organization. Mr. Kohn has served on the board of JFLA for 35 years, six of which he served as President of the Board of Directors. Together the Kohns established JFLA's Kohn Family Fund for the Arts.

Betsy Berger was honored with the *The Salter Family Foundation Client Recognition Award*. A former JFLA Emergency Loan client, Ms. Berger is currently the Vice President of Strategic Philanthropy at the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles. She is forever grateful to the organization for its exemplification of Tikkun Olam (Repairing the World).

"We were excited for the privilege of honoring outstanding people who are accomplished in their professional careers and have done so much for the community," says David Levy Executive Director/C.E.O. of JFLA.

Emmy Award winning comedy writer and stand-up comic Monica Piper performed at the gala. Proceeds from the event will support JFLA's ongoing commitment to offer interest-free loans on a non-sectarian basis to residents of Los Angeles County. JFLA's interest-free loans include loans for emergencies, education, micro-enterprise small businesses, women and children in crisis, healthcare, and life cycle events.

About the Jewish Free Loan Association

Established in 1904, JFLA offers interest-free loans on a non-sectarian basis to individuals and families who reside in Los Angeles County, whose needs are urgent and who may not qualify through normal financial resources. To date, JFLA has served more than 6,000 clients and provided \$12 million dollars in financial support. JFLA loan programs change lives and save lives, working to fight poverty and promote self-sufficiency. JFLA boasts a greater than 99% repayment rate. For more information about JFLA or to get involved with JFLA, please email info@jfla.org.