

COMMUNITY FOCUS

Borderland's Best Jewish Songwriters Raise Funds For Food Charities

What are the odds a geographic region with relatively few Jews would have four award-winning published writers of Jewish songs with three of them named Larry?

After a few years of being each other's musical sounding boards and presenting musical spirituality classes at the El Paso Jewish Federation's Yom Limmud, Rabbi Larry Bach and Professor Larry Lesser conceived a Jewish songwriter showcase evening called "Los Dos Larrys." The concept expanded to "Los Tres Larrys" when songwriting Rabbi Larry Karol and his 12-string guitar moved to Las Cruces. When singer and Jewish educator Alison Westermann began emceeing and interspersing her tunes between sets, "Los Tres Larrys y Alison" was born. The group debuted in February 2012 to a full house on a windy "Erev Super Bowl" night in Temple Mount Sinai's Krupp chapel.

The group most recently performed this spring at a well-attended fundraising concert at Rabbi Karol's Temple Beth-El in Las Cruces. Despite minimal time to rehearse as a quartet, the fab four smoothly bantered and lent their voices, percussion, and guitars to each other's songs. Guest musicians Emil Chaparro and Sara Potter added piano, vocals, or flute to a few songs as well.

Reflecting the mission of their music, the performers agreed that instead of charging admission, both concerts would take donations for the region's food charities and the pair of shows raised over \$500 for



the soup kitchen El Caldito and the food pantries Kelly Memorial Food Bank and Casa de Peregrinos. Their next concert is planned for El Paso, probably during Hanukkah 2014.

-- Larry Lesser

United Way presents television to Federation In honor of Norman Gordon, former Fed president

In an action that some might consider a role reversal, the United Way of El Paso County presented the Jewish Federation of El Paso with a brand new flat screen television. This all came to pass because Norman Gordon, a long-time Jewish community activist and former Federation president, was one of two recipients of the "Chairman's Award," conferred at the 2014 Annual Appreciation luncheon, held at the El Paso Marriott on Wednesday, April 30. The award is "given to individuals and/or organizations that demonstrate an extraordinary commitment to the community and the United Way of El Paso."

Norman was recognized for ten years

of service, most recently as the chairman of the United Way Finance Committee. According to the local United Way's annual report, the non-profit received over \$3.8 million in contributions during its last campaign. It is the practice to recognize the Chairman's Award winner with a gift to an organization with which s/he has been active and identified. In Norman's case, the Jewish Federation was the obvious choice.

Norman, an attorney with Mounce, Green, Myers, Safi, Paxon and Galatzan, is married to Cheryl and enjoys bragging about two sons, two daughters-in-law and five grandchildren.



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