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**THRIVE**



**Jewish Federation**  
of South Palm Beach County



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United by a common purpose and fueled by the strength of our collective spirit, together we ignite a brighter future where compassion triumphs, lives are transformed, and the resiliency of our Jewish community shines bright.

**ELYSSA KUPFERBERG**  
WOMEN'S PHILANTHROPY CHAIR

**DEAR FRIENDS,**

## **With You, We Can.**

These four simple words hold within them a profound message of hope, unity, and the power of collective action. They are at the very core of our mission at the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County to foster and sustain a strong, compassionate, and dynamic Jewish community today and for generations to come.

With your generous support, we continue to be a force for good for those in need. We provide critical assistance to vulnerable individuals and families, ensuring that no one is left behind. We empower our young people, offering them opportunities for education, leadership, and personal growth.

With you, we can overcome any obstacle, uplift every individual, and create lasting change - locally, in Israel and around the world. Let us embark on this journey together as we continue to write the next chapter of our shared story.

Thank you for your unwavering dedication and for standing with us.

**With you, we can make a difference,**



**RICH STEINBERG**

Campaign Chair



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Campaign Co-Chair



**MARK SCHAU**

Chair, Jacobson Jewish  
Community Foundation



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## **69** INDIVIDUALS

received financial assistance allowing them to receive **24/7/365 supportive assistance** provided by JARC Florida's inclusive and vibrant residential care program.

## **76,000+** OLIM

(immigrants) from 95 countries **made Aliyah** with assistance from our partner agency, the Jewish Agency for Israel.

## **3,000** CHILDREN

ages birth to 12 years old experience the **joy of Jewish storytelling** through PJ Library® and PJ Our Way™ in South Palm Beach County.

## **824** STUDENTS

**received scholarships** to local Jewish day schools, instilling a love of learning and Judaism.

## **80,000** ELDERLY CLIENTS

in the former Soviet Union (FSU) receive **life-saving food, medical, and social support** from our overseas partner agency JDC.

## **200,000** PEOPLE

a year are touched by World ORT's educational programming, **building Jewish identity** and community in **34 countries** where it is imperiled.

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# INSPIRE

Jeremy is a familiar face in the Jewish community of South Palm Beach County. He was born and raised in Boca Raton and has been connected to the Jewish Federation and its **partner agencies and synagogues** his entire life. As he reflects on his journey, it is clear that these experiences have left a profound impact on him at every stage.

From his early years in pre-school, Jeremy was immersed in Jewish traditions and values. Jeremy attended **Donna Klein Jewish Academy** sharing that “the education I received was about building a foundation for a lifetime of shared experiences and family traditions.”

Jeremy attended college at the University of Florida, where he found solace and connection at **Hillel**, the “Jewish spot” on campus as he describes, where he attended Shabbat and High Holiday services.

However, it was when he returned to Boca Raton in his late twenties that he truly realized the impact of the Jewish Federation. Jeremy explained, “The opportunity to coach basketball at the **Adolph & Rose Levis Jewish Community Center (JCC)** reconnected me to the community I love.”

Jeremy soon joined the Federation’s **Young Adult Division** to reimagine its place in the local Jewish community. His commitment led him to serve on the **Federation’s Board of Directors and Allocations Committee**, where he witnessed firsthand the impact the Federation has locally and internationally.

“Whether it is schools, partner organizations, or sports programs, the Federation serves as a vital safety net for the community,” Jeremy explained.

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**Temple Beth El** became another important pillar in Jeremy’s life. A Reform synagogue that provides a spiritual home for him and his growing family, Jeremy and his wife found a caring, vibrant pre-school that puts a smile on their children’s faces each and every day.

Jeremy’s passion for the community extends beyond his involvement in the Federation. He has experienced the greatness of the Jewish community through his grandmother’s (z”l) journey at **Toby & Leon Cooperman Sinai Residences of Boca Raton**.

As Jeremy starts a new educational leadership journey with the **Wexner Heritage Program**, Jeremy believes that “The Jewish Federation, with its eye on the future, plays a critical role in ensuring that the community continues to thrive for the next generation.”



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# CONNECT

When Ella Ben Shahr and Rotem Madar, two 18-year-old Israelis, deferred their service in the IDF for one year to come to South Palm Beach County as volunteers of the **Shinshin Service Year Abroad Program** with the **Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI)**, they did not expect their experiences to be life changing.

Ella and Rotem had the unique opportunity to serve as Counselors at **Levis JCC Marleen Forkas Summer Camp**. Their impact was visible in the warm way the campers greeted them everyday and loved learning with them about Israeli culture.

This year has been an incredible journey for me! It has been one of the most meaningful, fulfilling and amazing experiences. I have met so many wonderful people in South Palm Beach County who will always have a place in my heart.

ELLA



I have always volunteered, because it is something that I love to do. I was part of the Israeli Scouts, bringing myself to different communities, and being a Shinshin is another way to serve the community. I am doing good and feel good about it."

ROTEM

## A “LIVING BRIDGE,” CONNECTING THE COMMUNITIES OF SOUTH PALM BEACH COUNTY AND ISRAEL



**Donna Klein Jewish Academy** students celebrating their support and love of Israel.

Connecting our community with **Eitan Everybody Can's Krav Maga** training, led by adults with developmental disabilities and their mentor.



**Onward Israel** interns rescuing food to feed the hungry with our partner agency **Leket**.



**March of the Living** students are finding commonalities and balance with teens from Federation's partner community **Zichron Yaakov**. This bonding activity allowed the teens to see that their commonalities outweighed their difference.



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# SUPPORT

## IGNITING COMPASSION AND HOPE FOR UKRAINIAN REFUGEES AND HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS IN KRAKOW, POLAND

In the face of adversity, Federation and our partner agency, **JCC Krakow** extended care to both the Jewish community in Krakow and Ukrainian refugees around the world. Nearly 80 years since the end of World War II, today there is a vibrant Jewish community in Krakow that is able to support these refugees with solace and a warm embrace.

In the past year, there has been a surge in the number of Ukrainians seeking refuge at the JCC Krakow's distribution point. Each day, a staggering **400-500 individuals gather to receive food packages**, their eyes reflecting the resilience and determination that brought them from Ukraine, where they escaped the ravages of bombings and the cruel grip of a harsh winter with little warmth or sustenance.

Our hearts are moved by their courage and their impact, while JCC Krakow opens their doors to **provide support for 300 Ukrainians daily**. Our focus is on those most vulnerable, whose stories enrich the tapestry of our Jewish community.

In partnership with the JCC Krakow, our commitment extends to nurturing the **Jewish community of 800+ members**, ensuring their well-being and growth through comprehensive educational programs, joyous holiday celebrations, and vital welfare support.



# SUPERHEROES AMONG US

## THE IMPACT OF FEDERATION'S INCLUSION SERVICES



Nancy is the definition of a superhero, as she learned how to navigate life as a mom of a child with autism. Taking one day at a time, learning and growing as a parent, she soon found strength and solace from the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County's Disability and Inclusion liaison, and many of Federation's partner agency programs and services. **Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services (JFS)**, and **Jewish Adoption and Foster Care Options (JAFCO)**, offered Nancy the much-needed parent and caregiver support.

Her son Josh, a curious and compassionate boy, yet hesitant and minimally verbal, discovered his sanctuary in **Marleen Forkas Camp Kavod** at the **Adolph & Rose Levis Jewish Community Center**. The Fit and Fun program became his haven, where he not only had fun but also developed newfound communication skills.

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Another bright spot in Josh's journey is **Friendship House**, an affiliate of **Chabad of Boca**, where he receives love and care tailored to his needs along with other peers. Over time, he has grown to be more verbal and enjoy new experiences.

Nancy is truly passionate about her gratitude for the Federation and its partner agencies: “I formed deep friendships with other moms outside the support group, realizing that I was not alone on this journey.”

The sense of community and support made Nancy feel empowered, as she has the tools and resources to help her family. For Josh, he found a community where he truly belonged, where he could have fun and engage in fulfilling activities.

Now Nancy can say that Josh is the real superhero. “He feels stronger, like he belongs, and he loves life, each and every day. Sky's the limit!”

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# EMPOWER

## IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY, THOSE IN THEIR DARKEST TIMES OVERCOME

This past spring, Paula and her husband Chuck had one of those perfect days at their home in Boca Raton. As Paula recalls, “The kind of day that when I was falling asleep that night, I had a smile on my face.”

However, Paula’s nightmare soon began as Chuck had sudden shortness of breath, and collapsed without warning. Within 24 hours, he was on a respirator and in a coma. Sadly, Chuck never regained consciousness and passed away ten days later. Paula was faced with a reality she had no control over. “How do I possibly learn to go from 45 years of ‘we’ to a future of just ‘me’?” she asked in a moment of desperation and hopelessness.

Shortly after Chuck’s passing, Paula saw an ad in her synagogue newsletter announcing **Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services** was starting a bereavement group. Although she was not sure she had the emotional strength to talk about her gut wrenching loss in an in-person setting, she decided to attend.

The bereavement group was, in fact, what Paula needed. It not only gave her a safe space to be vulnerable and share her darkest thoughts; it allowed Paula to create strong bonds and friendships with those who are going through similar situations. Today, Paula’s strength is not only helping herself, but being there for others.



## CROSSROADS JERUSALEM

### WHERE TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS THRIVE

As in our own community in South Palm Beach County, in Israel, the issue of mental health is prevalent among teens and young adults. A recent report shows that major depression diagnoses among teens aged 12-17 rose by 39% in 2021. Diagnoses of anxiety is up 33%, stress and emotional distress 20%, and eating disorders have jumped 56%. For young adults, the trendlines are similar.

We understand that behind this data are human beings whose minds and hearts are being shaped through their own life experiences. As a partner agency of our Federation, **Crossroads Jerusalem** provides essential prevention and intervention programs for Anglo teens and young adults in Israel in order to reach their potential and thrive.

Crossroads uniquely offers teens subsidized therapy in their native language which is critical to mental health care. Each Crossroads social worker has a caseload of teenagers with whom he or she meets for individual therapy on a regular basis. Furthermore, they act as case managers, accompanying teens on visits to various community services and maintaining contact with the clients' families. One teen aptly shared, "If it weren't for Crossroads, I wouldn't be alive."

Most of all, at Crossroads, teens learn to help themselves, to seek help for themselves, and to trust the assistance of our social service professionals. And what better way can we ensure that communities thrive, especially in Israel. Helping lives. Saving lives. Investing in the next generation.

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# SECURE

**“SOMEONE WHO SAVES A SINGLE LIFE...  
IT IS AS THOUGH THEY SAVE THE ENTIRE  
WORLD.” —TALMUD**

Unfortunately, we are living in a new era of Jewish security concerns. Our current day-to-day reality is characterized by increased threats and violent attacks targeting Jewish individuals and the Jewish community at large.

Our Jewish Federation is receiving more and more requests for security assistance from our local Jewish communal organizations. Maintaining and growing a strong, safeguarded Jewish community is the foremost issue facing our Jewish Federation today.

In South Palm Beach County, our synagogues and agencies are focused on a proactive approach that takes into account our institutions' diverse interests and organizational missions. Together, we can foster a culture of empowerment, collaboration, and vigilance, ensuring that all Jewish organizations operate safely and securely.

## A THRIVING CAMPUS

The Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County is unique in a very special way. Our administrative offices and seven of our partner agencies operate on an expansive 100-acre campus, named for two visionary benefactors, Richard & Carole Siemens. Thousands of people enter our gates daily, coming into a safe, Jewish space, marked with active pre-schools, day schools, senior living and nonprofit organizations, all working to support and provide for every age and need. With you, we can continue to offer a beautiful, communal location for Jewish lives to thrive.

### CAMPUS FACTS

*These facts differentiate our security program and needs from nearly every other Jewish community in the country.*



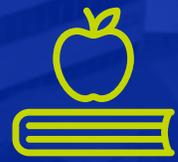
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**2,000**  
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# EDUCATE

## A TEACHABLE MOMENT - FROM HATRED INTO COURAGE

In a Middle School in Boca Raton, Florida, an unsettling incident of antisemitism shook the halls. Two students, fueled by ignorance and hate, marched down the corridor, shouting antisemitic remarks into unsuspecting classrooms. The school district recognized the gravity of this moment and because of their long standing relationship with the Jewish Federation of South Palm Beach County, knew they could reach out for help. Together they transformed this hateful moment into an opportunity for education and empathy.

They arranged a meeting between the two young perpetrators and their parents with two Holocaust survivors. Their survival stories from the Auschwitz concentration camp and exile from Belgium left a profound impact on the boys. The Federation carefully explained the historical background of the Holocaust and the atrocities committed against Jewish people and other minorities under Hitler's regime.

As the survivors shared their personal testimonies, one of the survivors rolled up his sleeve, revealing the haunting tattoo, a number that the Nazis had given him. One of the boys couldn't hold back his tears, suddenly grasping the horror of his actions. The meeting left an indelible mark on him, and he committed to sharing the survivors' stories with his friends and peers.

The lesson learned was powerful: by changing the mindset of just one child and one parent, an entire generation can be influenced positively. The ripple effect of empathy and understanding will infiltrate the school, helping to quash hate and fostering a culture of acceptance and love.

# FAU HILLEL STUDENTS SPREAD CREAM CHEESE AND NOT HATE



In a powerful display of solidarity, Hillel students took a stand at **Florida Atlantic University** against the rising tide of antisemitism on November 7, 2022. Under the banner of “Spread Cream Cheese and Not Hate,” these passionate young individuals organized an event that sparked a movement of change. With over 500 pledges to combat anti-Semitism on campus and in the wider community, their efforts showcased the vital role of educational institutions in fostering safe and inclusive spaces for all.

Amidst the troubling surge of anti-Semitic remarks across the country, the FAU Hillel students recognized the urgent need to address the issue head-on. Armed with bagels and a wealth of educational information, they engaged their fellow students in heartfelt conversations, shedding light on the dangerous consequences of hate speech.

The impact of this event extended far beyond the campus grounds. As one of the partner agencies of the Federation, FAU Hillel’s resolute stance against hate was embraced by a wider community. The event stood as a testament to the unwavering commitment of these young individuals and the belief that education and unity can triumph over prejudice.

**Hillel of Broward and Palm Beach** - and all of our students - remain steadfast in the mission to create a safe and welcoming environment, nurturing a new generation of compassionate leaders who will shape a brighter, more inclusive future for all.

# TOGETHER, OUR GI

## JANE & ALAN CORNELL FUND FOR ISRAEL & OUR GLOBAL FAMILY

**AKIM** Equal in Uniform Disabilities Program

**American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC)**  
Chanoch Employment Training | Glickman Training Center | Jewish Renewal – Former Soviet Union | Social Welfare Relief – Argentina, Former Soviet Union and Ukraine | Szarvas Summer Camp

**Beit Issie Shapiro** iAbility: Technology for Children with Disabilities

**Bet Elazraki** Life Skills Program for At-Risk Youth

**Crossroads Jerusalem** Mental Health Outreach and Therapeutic Response

**Eitan** Adopt a Fitness Group Disabilities Program

**Ethiopian National Project (ENP)** Youth Scholastic Performance & Empowerment

**Hand in Hand** Kfar Saba/Beit Berl School Shared Society Program

**Israel Elwyn** Self-Advocacy & Leadership for Adults with Disabilities

**JCC Krakow** Jewish Community Building

**Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI)** Amigour Elderly Housing | Kol Ami Mechina | MASA Immersive Israel Experiences | Partnership2Gether (P2G) - Zichron Yaakov | Summer Camps in FSU | Shinshinim Israeli Year of Service in South Palm Beach County

**Latet** Nutritional Security Initiative

**Leket Israel** Meal Rescue Route

**Meitarim** Teacher Training in Integrated, Pluralistic Schools

**Nirim Foundation** At Risk Youth Graduates Unit

**Onward** South Palm Summer Internship Cohort in Israel

**Susan's House** At-Risk Youth Jewelry Design Program

**United Hatzalah** Psychotrauma and Crisis Emergency Response

**World ORT** Kfar Silver Dropout Prevention Program

**Yad Lakashish** Hot Meals and Health Insurance Program for Needy Seniors

**Yashar LaChayal** Financially Disadvantaged Soldier Fund

## SARAH & MAX PECHTER FUND FOR SAFETY NET SERVICES

**B'nai Torah Congregation** Community Shower (Hygiene Program) | Recovery Seder

**Boca Raton Synagogue** Tomchei Shabbat - Food and Supplies Assistance

**Donna Klein Jewish Academy** Student Services

**Family Promise** Road to Independence

**Gift of Life Marrow Registry** Engaging Tomorrow's Young Jewish Leaders Today Swab Drives

**Hadar High School for Girls** Health & Wellness

**Hebrew Free Loan Society** Interest-Free Loans

**Jewish Adoption & Family Care Options (JAFCO)**  
Group Home Program

**Jewish Education Loan Fund** Interest-Free Loans

**Jewish Recovery Center** Weekly Shabbat & Annual Shabbaton

**JScreen** Jewish Genetic Education and Outreach

**Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services (CFFC):**  
Community Outreach Programs | Community Services: Food & Financial Assistance, Volunteer Opportunities | Counseling and Mental Health | Senior Services & Transportation

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# FTS IMPACT:

## JUDI & CRAIG DONOFF FUND FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

**Adolph & Rose Levis JCC** Schwedelson Special Needs Department Scholarship and Programmatic Assistance  
**B'nai Torah Congregation** Facilitator for Children with Special Needs  
**Friendship Circle of N. Broward and SPBC** Sunday Circle  
**Friendship House** Family Events and Holiday Inclusion Programs | Young Adult Club  
**JARC Florida** Residential Services Scholarship

**Katz Hillel Day School** ETGAR Services  
**Katz Yeshiva High School** Special Needs Program  
**Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services** Center for Families and Children (CFFC): Special Needs Therapeutic Family Resource Center (TFRC)  
**Torah Academy of Boca Raton** Bisvhili Resource Program

## JEWISH LIFE & LEARNING

**Adolph & Rose Levis JCC** Judy Levis Krug Boca Raton Jewish Film Festival | Marleen Forkas Camps Scholarship Assistance | Zale Early Childhood Learning Center Scholarship Assistance  
**BBYO** Gold Coast Teen Leadership Training & Development Program  
**Birthright Israel** 10 Day Educational Group Trips to Israel for Jewish Young Adults  
**B'nai Torah Congregation** Ahava Shabbat - Outdoor Shabbat Program | Sababa Boca | Boca Raton Interfaith Clergy Association/Boca Raton Youth Association | Camp Keshet Scholarship Assistance  
**Boca Beach Chabad** Chanukah Public Concert and Candle Lighting  
**Boca Jewish Center** Dor L'Dor Parent Child Learning | Growth Through Torah Lecture Series & Avos Ubanim Parent and Child  
**Boca Parliament** Israeli Networking Meetings  
**Chabad of Central Boca Raton** Chanukah at Town Center Mall | Lag B'omer Picnic and BBQ  
**Chabad of Delray Beach** Chanukah Celebration  
**Chabad of East Delray Beach** Shabbat on the Ave.  
**Chabad of N. Broward and Palm Beach** Solomon Leadership Program  
**Chabad of West Boca Raton** Great Big Challah Bake | Sinai Scholars Leadership Program  
**Chabad Student Center** Purim Party | Scholars in Residence  
**Congregation B'nai Israel** B'nai Babies Scholarship Assistance | Dishing Out Hot Topics - Dinner & Conversation

**Congregation Shaarei Kodesh** Experiential Educational Opportunities for Religious School Families | College Connection | The Spirits of Shabbat  
**Congregation Torah Or** Century Village Connects  
**Donna Klein Jewish Academy** Scholarship Assistance  
**From March to Miriam** Labor of Love Club (LOL Club)  
**Hadar High School for Girls** Bringing it All Home Israel Trip | Community Sisters Chanukah Chagiga | Leebee Bamizrach (My Heart is in the East)  
**Hillel International** Funding for Florida's 7 Hillels  
**Hillel of Broward & Palm Beach** Weeks of Welcome | Hillel's Educational Programs at FAU  
**Jewish Education Center** Camp Nageela Scholarship Assistance  
**Katz Hillel Day School** Scholarship Assistance  
**Katz Yeshiva High School** Scholarship Assistance  
**Keshet** Community Pride Shabbat  
**Liumi** Boca Women Inspired Trip | Farm to Table Shabbat Dinners & Hands-on Shabbat Retreats  
**March of the Living**  
**NCSY** Jewish Student Union  
**PJ Library® and PJ Our Way™**  
**Temple Beth El** Child Care  
**Temple Beth Shalom** Adult Education Jewish Studies Program  
**Torah Academy of Boca Raton** Scholarship Assistance



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## **ANNUAL CAMPAIGN FOR JEWISH NEEDS**

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Together we give...together we thrive! Our Jewish Federation has been – and will always be – the cornerstone of Jewish life in South Palm Beach County. As we strengthen our efforts to meet evolving needs, we work alongside our partner agencies near and far, making a bigger and better impact. We can only accomplish this through the generosity of our community members.

## **SECURE OUR COMMUNITY WITH A LEGACY GIFT**

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Just as generations before us invested in Jewish institutions to keep Judaism alive and strong, you have the opportunity to create your own personal legacy to ensure that your values live on and the collective vision of a thriving, vibrant Jewish future is fulfilled.

## **GET INVOLVED WITH US**

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Choose to give. Volunteer with us. Attend our events. Advocate about the issues you care about. Pick one way to get involved – or all of them. Make JFSPBC yours, and change lives while you do it.



# with you we can

**With You, We Can** seek to foster and sustain a strong, compassionate and dynamic Jewish community today and for years to come. With your support, we are empowered to provide for the Jewish people locally, in Israel and around the world.

**With You, We Can** uphold the importance of strong Jewish communal leadership – from synagogues to agencies to organizations – to ensure every Jew from infancy to seniorhood has a chance to connect, to learn and to thrive safely and joyously.

**With You, We Can** all thrive, coming together to support, inspire, and catalyze Jewish life locally, in Israel, and around the world.

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