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Whether caring for people in need or nurturing and sustaining Jewish identity for future generations, the Federation is where our community comes together as one; where we, as a community, develop innovative responses to critical, often life-threatening issues; where anyone who needs help can get it; where an energized Jewish community grows and celebrates; and where everyone, including you, can make a difference right now. #FedProud

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Connecting to Israel on Federation's Chai Mission



Four years ago, the Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas made a strategic and important decision to bring back **community-wide missions to Israel** that were **accessible, high level** and would showcase the homeland of the Jewish people through **real connections** to the land, spirit and people of Israel.

With just more than **70 participants** and nearly half of them **first-timers to Israel** ranging in age from 21 to 81, Federation's **Chai Mission**, which took place February 12-20, was a huge success.

Time was spent in the **Partnership Region of the Western Galilee** where names of Dallas leaders show up across the region. **A.J. Rosmarin**, mission co-chair and Federation vice-chair, noted that, "Being in the Western Galilee is like being in a suburb of Dallas. People know us, and we know them, and we all think of each other as extended family. From the mayor of Akko to the head of the Galilee Medical Center, we have significant friends in our region."

Rabbis Debra Robbins, Ari Sunshine and Stefan Weinberg provided spiritual and educational insights through the trip, and the Federation was proud to include local partner agency directors including the **Dallas Holocaust Museum's Mary Pat Higgins**, **Legacy Senior Communities' Melissa Orth**, **Jewish Family Service's Steve Banta**, and **CHAI's Lisa Brodsky**. "We all are so familiar with the important work our local agencies do. It was

profound for those directors to see the work they do mirrored in Israel which we fund through our overseas partners at the **Jewish Agency** and the **Joint Distribution Committee (JDC)**," said **Bradley Laye**, Federation President and CEO.

During the day, participants chose individual tracks that provided for unique experiences. From seeing the **latest in fashion and design** in Tel Aviv, to first-timers exploring the **'White City,'** the tracks included everything from **finance and high-tech to security and defense** by helicopter to **culinary and wine tours**. High-energy, connected evening programs rounded out the trip. **Pluralism and co-existence** were also featured as they are values of the Federation's work. Guest speakers included **Natan Sharansky**, Chair of the **Jewish Agency for Israel**, **Anat Hoffman** of the **Israel Religious Action Center**, **Miri Eisen**, **Ret. Col. of the IDF**, **Donniel Hartman** of the **Hartman Institute** and **MK Michael Oren** at the **Knesset**, among others.



For information about future missions to Israel and other Jewish geographic locations, visit jewishdallas.org/Israel-travel.



CELEBRATING ISRAEL AT 70 WITH ALON BEN-GURION

Federation's "Israel at 70" celebration kicked off with speaker **Alon Ben-Gurion**, the grandson of **David Ben-Gurion**, the first Prime Minister of Israel, on March 26 at **Shearith Israel**.



More than 370 were in attendance to listen to historical and personal stories about the legacy of Alon's grandfather and the establishment of the State of Israel. Federation Board Chair **Mark Kreditor** welcomed the guests and **Debbi Levi Rothschild** introduced the guest speaker. **Rabbi Ari Sunshine** of **Shearith Israel** concluded the event before the guests enjoyed a reception that included made-to-order donuts with blue and white toppings! The event convened **35 community partners**.

For more information about celebrating Israel at 70, visit jewishdallas.org/israel70.



Cardozo Society Honors Top Jewish Attorney's Under 40

On March 8, 26 of Dallas's "Top Jewish Attorney's Under 40" were honored by the Federation's Cardozo Society, the giving society for lawyers who give a minimum of \$2,000 to the Federation's Annual Campaign. The event took place in the home of **Alan and Sondra Perkins** and was chaired by **Evan Stone**, with **more than 70 people** in attendance. The honorees then came together on April 2 at the law office of **Carrington Coleman Sloman & Blumenthal** for an intimate conversation with **Honorable Barbara M.G. Lynn**, the **Chief Judge of the Northern District of Texas**, and **Lisa Atlas Genecov**, Head of Healthcare Transactions at **Norton Rose Fulbright**.

For more information about the Cardozo Society, visit jewishdallas.org/attorneys.



Montefiore Society Provides Networking and Learning for Real Estate Professionals

Federation's Montefiore Society, the giving society for **real estate professionals** who give a minimum of \$2,000 to the Federation's Annual Campaign, held a cocktail event and program with **Grant Herlitz**, President of the **Howard Hughes Corporation**, in the home of Howard Hughes CEO **David Weinreb** on March 20. More than **100 attendees** had the opportunity to network with one another and learn about the future of real estate.

For more information about the Montefiore Society, visit jewishdallas.org/real-estate.



Community Security Initiative Convenes Organizations for Safety & Security Best Practices

The **Community Security Initiative** of the **Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas** launched an education series, **First Impressions**, which will convene and inform our community partners and organizations about **safety and safety best practices**.

Held on March 28 at the Aaron Family JCC, **more than 60 front desk and operational professionals** from organizations around the city including **Congregation Anshai Torah, Aaron Family JCC, Jewish Family Service, Dallas and Plano Police Departments, Legacy Senior Communities,**

Congregation Shearith Israel, Temple Emanu-El, the Dallas Holocaust Museum Center for Education & Tolerance, and Congregation Beth Torah, heard from the **Dallas Police Department** about **safety preparedness and bomb threat protocol**. Following the discussion, a caseworker and psychologist from **Jewish Family Service**, one of the Federation's partner agencies, provided education and scenarios on how to de-escalate threatening situations.

For more information about the Community Security Initiative, visit jewishdallas.org/security.

LEADS Continues To Build Leaders

Congratulations to the Federation's **Young Adult Division LEADS (Leadership Education and Development Series)** class on completing half of the **elite 8-week program!** LEADS, which is tailored for **young Jewish emerging leaders in their 20s and 30s**, is designed to create opportunities for young adults to come together throughout the year to focus on **leadership development and philanthropy**. Each class experiences a combination of **fun and social activities** while learning about the work Federation does throughout Dallas and around the world.

Howie Mandel Headlines 3rd Annual ONE Night



Federation's 3rd annual **ONE Night**, the Federation's **largest, annual fundraising and outreach event of the year** supporting the Jewish community in Dallas, Israel and in more than 70 countries around the world, featured **Howie Mandel**, award-winning comedian, actor, author and host of NBC's summer talent competition, **America's Got Talent**. Opening the evening was Jewish acapella group, **The Maccabeats**, who filled McFarlin Auditorium on the campus of SMU with familiar tunes and soulful songs. The event, generously presented by **BB&T**, was chaired by **Angela Aaron Horowitz & Doug French, Jolie & Michael Newman and Natalie & Michael Waldman**, took place in the evening on Sunday, January 28.

This year's event welcomed **more than 1,000 attendees** and **raised more than \$1.1 million** for Federation's Annual Campaign.

Federation Board Chair **Mark Kreditor** highlighted the Federation's mission of supporting the **local Jewish community**,

Jews in need abroad and in Israel. "It is our hope now that charitable giving to your Federation is no longer done because of guilt, but because of pride," he said.

"Don't give until it hurts, give until it feels good," Kreditor said, quoting community philanthropist **Nate Levine**. "Tonight, we are hoping to make every single one of you feel very, very good."

Sandi Bodzin, Rob Solls and Dora Klaff, three recipients of Federation's support, shared how their lives have been impacted directly by the Federation with moving and touching stories about loss, community and connection.

ONE Night brings together the Dallas Jewish community to raise the much needed dollars that sustain and provide services and programming to more than **64 local, national and international partner agencies**. To learn more about our partner agencies, visit www.jewishdallas.org/who-we-help.





Down. Set. Donate. It's Super Sunday! Get ready to SCOOOOORRRREEEE!

We'll be hosting our annual **Super Sunday** **April 29**, from **10 am–2 pm** at the Aaron Family JCC Zale Auditorium in Dallas. The event, presented by **Park Place Dealerships**, is the Jewish community's **largest fundraising phone-a-thon**, offering volunteers the opportunity to work together to raise money to meet vital needs of the community. Leading the team and serving as event co-chairs are **Marissa Shrell, Shirley and Larry Strauss**, and **Roberta and Stephen Toback**.

"From those who never miss a Super Sunday, to newcomers ready to get involved, we're looking for team members who can join us for the big game," said **Marissa Shrell**, co-chair, Super Sunday. "The incredible energy of Super Sunday, along with the **feelings of connection and compassion** that one receives when helping, whether making calls or answering the call, will make for a day our volunteers and our community won't soon forget," she added.

Super Sunday offers **four hours of volunteer opportunities**. Volunteers are needed to make phone calls to close gifts and to help thank our current donors as part of our **"thank-you" initiative**. If one prefers not to make calls, there are other ways to help and something for everyone. **Snacks and raffle prizes** will help add to the excitement of the day! Super Sunday volunteers can sign up easily at www.jewishdallas.org/supersunday.

"This is a great day for our caring neighbors, including our teens, to **work together for the well-being and security of the most vulnerable among our extended Jewish family** in Dallas, in Israel and overseas," said **Larry Strauss**, co-chair of the event. "Teen volunteers can receive credit for community service hours and it's a fantastic way to experience the vibrant diversity of our Jewish community, to see your friends and meet new ones," he added.

Incentives will be provided for each of the Federation's partner agency volunteers including presenting **MVP trophies** to the **agency, synagogue and individual who wins the most points throughout the day**. Last year, **Jewish Family Service** won the agency trophy with **Shearith Israel** winning the synagogue trophy. Points are earned by closing gifts, the more volunteers closing gifts for the partner agency the more points they can score. The whole day will be an **energy-filled, friendly competition** bringing the community together.

"Come volunteer with us or answer the call and fulfill the mitzvah of tzedakah while giving back to our Dallas Jewish community," said **Mark Kreditor**, Federation Board Chair. He adds, "When we all work together we can strengthen our community for generations to come. Super Sunday is a true **#FedProud** opportunity!" To volunteer, visit jewishdallas.org/supersunday.



JCRC's 7th Annual Interfaith Seder Brings The Community Together to Honor Dr. King, Jr.

The **Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC)** of the Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas held its **Seventh Annual Interfaith Seder** at **Congregation Shearith Israel** on March 22, 2018. The leaders of the 2018 Interfaith Seder were **Rabbi Elana Zelony of Congregation Beth Torah** and **Bishop Edward Burns of the Dallas Catholic Diocese**. The theme of the seder commemorated the **50th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** **More than 450 faith leaders, elected officials and community members from diverse faith backgrounds** attended the program, which has been called a "must attend" interfaith event in Dallas. For more information, visit jewishdallas.org/jcrc.



Chaim Nissel, PsyD, of the American Association of Suicidology and Dean of Students, Yeshiva University, presented a **Clinician Training Workshop** entitled *How to Best Assess and Respond to Suicide Risk and to Manage Suicidal Clients* as part of **CJE's Suicide Prevention Program: 13 Reasons Why NOT — Turning the Tide of Teen Suicide Through Positive Mental Health** on Sunday, February 25.



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