Your Community E-News for
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COMMUNITY DIRECTORY  COMMUNITY CALENDAR

A Look Back at Federation Events from the Past Year:

A Look Back at 2022-2023 in Photos

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More Federation Events

Travel Back in Time
With the Sociable Singles at the Jungle Prada Indian Mounds!

Travel back in time when life was much simpler and thus part of the world was new. Meet up with the Sociable Singles for a tour of the Jungle Prada Indian mounds and the landing site of the 1528 Narváez expedition followed by lunch at JP Tavern. The cost of the tour is $14.

JULY 23 | 11:20AM*
* Tour begins promptly at 11:30.
Jungle Prada Tours & JP Tavern
1700 Park Street North, St. Pete
RSVP by July 20th to
MKAufman@JewishGulfCoast.org

JOIN THE SOCIABLE SINGLES THIS JULY

Nesia tova! Safe Travels!
July 4 - 12, 2023

SAFE TRAVELS TO OUR MOMENTUM GROUP!
MOMentum is for Jewish men and allies with Children 18 years or younger.
A group of selected participants are traveling to Israel this July.
Stay tuned for information on how to apply for future trips, and click below to learn about the 2023 MOMentum trip happening now!

Visit JewishGulfCoast.org/MOMentum to learn more.

LEARN MORE ABOUT MOMENTUM TRIPS TO ISRAEL

RSVP FOR THE MOMENTUM WOMEN’S TRIP ALUMNI EVENT

Parsha Pathways will be taking a break for the summer. Stay tuned for more announcements soon!

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July 5, 2023

Dear Friends,

Following a difficult day in Israel, Israeli troops have withdrawn from Jenin, signaling the end of the two-day IDF operation there. One Israeli soldier was killed as the fighting drew to a close. Also yesterday, nine Israeli civilians were injured during a terror attack in North Tel Aviv.

As we reported on Monday, Israel launched Operation Home and Garden to root out terrorists and terror infrastructure from the Palestinian city of Jenin. That operation has now concluded and all Israeli forces have left the city. During the withdrawal, one Israeli soldier, David Yehuda Yitzchak z"l, was killed by what may have been friendly fire. His funeral will be held today. See details here.

Also yesterday, a Palestinian terrorist rammed a crowded bus stop in North Tel Aviv. The driver then emerged from his vehicle and began stabbing passersby until he was shot and killed by an Israeli civilian who was driving past (see more here). During the attack, nine civilians were injured (see details here), including a young pregnant woman who tragically lost her baby as a result of the attack (see here). The Jewish Agency for Israel’s Fund for the Victims of Terror, supported by Jewish Federations, is in the process of completing the distribution of emergency funds to all the victims of yesterday’s attack (see more here).

Overnight, five rockets were fired from Gaza into Israel, sounding sirens in Sderot and other towns. All five were intercepted by Israel’s Iron Dome system, although some fragments landed on houses in Israel (including next to a toddlers’ swimming pool), causing minor damage. In response, Israel carried out a limited retaliatory strike (see details here).

At one point during yesterday’s fighting in Jenin, a number of terrorists barricaded themselves inside a mosque. In the ensuing firefight, the mosque was captured by Israeli troops who discovered a network of tunnels that the terrorists had dug under the mosque. The tunnels were also used to store explosives and other weapons (see more here).

Palestinian media is reporting widespread damage to infrastructure in Jenin as a result of Israeli actions. The IDF says it was forced to use heavy equipment on numerous roads and other areas in order to remove a large number of roadside bombs and other terror targets. See here for a description of the town, post-fighting, by an Israeli journalist, and here for reactions of Palestinian residents. Israel has committed to repair essential civilian infrastructure (for water and electricity) damaged by troops due to the fighting, in coordination with the Palestinian Authority.

In what the IDF says is a testament to its high level of intelligence, professionalism and care for human life, despite two days of heavy fighting – that included armored vehicles and aerial attacks – no civilians were killed during the operation. Palestinian sources do not dispute this fact.

The IDF summarized its two-day operation in Jenin with the following results:

- 13 Palestinian terrorists killed.
- 30 terrorists arrested.
- 14 apartments containing terror bases were destroyed.
- 3 terror command and control centers were destroyed. The IDF also discovered a large network of CCTV cameras that had been deployed throughout Jenin and used against IDF troops. (See video here.)
- 6 bomb-manufacturing sites were destroyed.
- Over 1,000 explosive devices were captured, including large road-side bombs and other IEDs (see photos here).
- 32 guns (24 M16 rifles + 8 handguns), along with thousands of rounds of ammunition were captured. (See photos of captured weapons here and video here).
- Dozens of kilograms of chemical materials used for bomb-making were discovered.
- Hundreds of thousands of shekels in cash, designated for terror purposes, were confiscated.
- 6 underground tunnels used for hiding terrorists, explosives and ammunition were uncovered and destroyed.
- 2 weapons storage facilities were destroyed.

As always, Jewish Federations of North America are hoping that quiet prevails. We are keeping a close watch on developments and will report as needed.

Rebecca Caspi
Senior Vice President Israel and Overseas
Director General, Israel Office
More Community Events

Please click on the flyer for additional information.

TBE - Shabbat Yeladim

TBE - Tots at Splash Pad

Chabad SP - Community Shabbat Dinner

TBE - Boomers Baseball

Submit an event to the Community Calendar!

Quick List

FEDERATION EVENTS

Now through Sept 1 - Early Bird Pricing for Hope Cohen Barnett Leadership Institute (Tampa JCCs)
Now through July 12 - Women's trip to Israel (MOMentum)
July 23 - Tour of the Jungle Prada Burial Grounds (Sociable Singles)
July 25 - Board Meeting

August 20 - Back to School Event (PJ Library)
August 22 - Board Meeting
August 24 - Film Screening (R2R)
August 27 - Alumni Event (MOMentum)
September 1 - Hope Cohen Barnett Institute Early Bird Apps Due (Tampa JCCs)

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please submit your events to the Federation's Community Calendar!
### July Events
- **July 7** - Shabbat Yeladim (TBE)
- **July 9** - Tots at Splash Pad (TBE)
- **July 10** - Brotherhood Poker Game (TBI)
- **July 12** - Coffee Talk with Rabbi Weintraub (CBS)
- **July 13** - Women’s Spirituality (TBE)
- **July 15** - Boomer’s Baseball (TBE)
- **July 16** - Summer Get Together (JWI)
- **July 20** - Shabbat Yeladim (TBE)
- **July 25** - Sisterhood Board Meeting (CBS)
- **July 25** - Summer Get Together (JWI)
- **July 26** - Coffee Talk with Rabbi Weintraub (CBS)
- **July 26** - Book Club (TBE)
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- **July 26** - Book Club (TBE)
- **July 28** - Late Night Shabbat (TBE)

### August Events
- **August 4** - Shabbat Yeladim (TBE)
- **August 6** - CYP Summer Soiree (Chabad SP)
- **August 10** - Women’s Spirituality (TBE)

### Community Directory

#### Temples & Synagogues

**North County, Pasco & Hernando**
- Chabad of Pinellas County
- Chabad Jewish Center of West Pasco
- Chabad Spring Hill
- Jewish Community Center of West Pasco
- Temple Ahavat Shalom
- Temple Beth David

**Mid-County**
- Chabad of Clearwater
- Congregation Beth Shalom
- Temple B’nai Israel

**South County**
- Chabad Jewish Center of Greater St. Petersburg
- Congregation B’nai Israel
- Temple Beth-El

#### Community Organizations & Partners

- American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC)
- Anti-Defamation League
- Empath Health
- Florida Holocaust Museum
- Gulf Coast Jewish Family & Community Services
- Hills of the Florida Suncoast
- Israel Bonds
- Jewish Agency for Israel
- Jewish Education Loan Fund (JELF)
- Jewish Federation of Florida’s Gulf Coast
- Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay
- Jewish National Fund: Tampa Bay Region
- Jewish Press of Pinellas County
- Jewish War Veterans Department of Florida
- Partnership2Gether US Hadera-Eiron SE Consortium
- Philip Benjamin Tower
- PJ Library of Florida’s Gulf Coast
- St. Petersburg Chapter of Hadassah
- Suncoast Hospice
- "The Sunday Simcha" Radio Program on 88.5 WMNF
Are you a young adult (20's & 30's) living on Florida's Gulf Coast? Stay up to date on upcoming TRIBE events by subscribing to the mailing list! Fill out the form at [JewishGulfCoast.org/TRIBE-SIGNUP](http://JewishGulfCoast.org/TRIBE-SIGNUP) and join the WhatsApp chat at [JewishGulfCoast.org/WHATSAPP](http://JewishGulfCoast.org/WHATSAPP).

Join the Sociable Singles Mailing List! Stay up to date on upcoming events for our 60+ singles group. Fill out the form at [JewishGulfCoast.org/SINGLES-SIGNUP](http://JewishGulfCoast.org/SINGLES-SIGNUP).

Questions? Email [info@JewishGulfCoast.org](mailto:info@JewishGulfCoast.org).

Introducing F Troop! Are you in your 40's or 50's, looking to connect with peers from throughout your community? Welcome to the F Troop! Email [info@JewishGulfCoast.org](mailto:info@JewishGulfCoast.org) to learn more and get involved.

**Assistance & Services**
We are still here to serve, listen, and help you through this time of uncertainty. Gulf Coast JFCS office locations are open. Please make an appointment before you come to our office and wear a mask and practice social distancing while you are here. Many Gulf Coast JFCS employees are working remotely and may be contacted by phone or email.

Our main number 727-479-1800 is being answered Monday – Friday 8am to 5pm. We are also available via email at GulfCoastInfo@gcjfcs.org.

Below are services to support the local Jewish community. In addition, we can provide information and referral for resources within the community.

**Food Pantry Assistance**

Food pantry assistance is available by contacting Gail Allen at gail.allen@gcjfcs.org or 727-430-5817.

We also have a list of local food assistance sources. We can provide grocery gift cards to assist with food purchases for those that need this support.

**Financial Assistance**

Jewish community members should contact Gail Allen for assistance via gail.allen@gcjfcs.org or 727-430-5817.

Holocaust Survivors should contact their case manager or contact Marlene Wain at marlene.wain@gcjfcs.org or 727-200-0563.

**CHATS**

CHATS provides a friendly caller for seniors in our community. This program is volunteer based, and helps provide social support to seniors, especially those living alone, or isolated during this current crisis. If you would like to be considered for this service, or to volunteer, please contact our CHATS Program Coordinator at CHATS@gcjfcs.org or 727-450-7278.

Make an impact through the Holocaust Survivor Program Urgent Care Fund. Gulf Coast JFCS assists nearly 250 local Holocaust Survivors who require varying levels of assistance for essential daily living activities. For many, the high costs of medical and home care have depleted their financial reserves resulting in a significant gap in care without our assistance. Funds raised will be directed to their most urgent care needs, prioritizing those in their 90’s and others with the greatest safety risk or medical vulnerability. To support local Holocaust Survivors, visit gulfcoastjewishfamilyandcommunityservices.org/faces.

**Community News & Opportunities**

Submit open job and volunteer positions at JewishGulfCoast.org/Job-Volunteer-Central.

Hillel Academy in Tampa is hiring full time preschool teachers for the school year, and summer camp counselors/specialists/song leaders for Adventure Camp (from June 5-July 28).

Click here to apply for a camp counselor position.

For the full time Preschool Teacher position, email the Early Learning Center Director: tjgold@hillelacademytampa.com

Menorah Life Foundation seeks new Executive Director.

Empath Health seeks new Community Partnership Specialist.

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Federation Inclusion Statement

The Jewish Federation of Florida’s Gulf Coast actively promotes and recognizes all participants across intersections of observance, faith, ancestry, marital status, national origin, citizenship, sexual orientation, gender identity, social class, economic class, ethnicity, race, age, disability, and all other identifying factors represented among our diverse community.

By appreciating the importance of inclusion, we acknowledge that the collective and individual talents, skills, and perspectives of our community members and partners foster a culture of belonging, collaborative practice, innovation and mutual respect.