

Jewish Community Relations Council of the Tampa JCCs & Federation
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The Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) is a standing committee of the Tampa Jewish Community Centers and Federation. The JCRC's primary purpose is to develop and carry out a unified community relations program to broadly represent the interests of the local Jewish community in Hillsborough and Pasco Counties as well as support and promote Israel advocacy and education for the Tampa Jewish community.

Activity/Committee	Description	Meeting Dates
Activate Awareness/Citizen Journalist Social Media Brigade	Activate Awareness is a new initiative in our fight against antisemitism. Beginning with the Jewish community, we proactively aim to combat the misinformation and disinformation in today's social media outlets. Join our Citizen Journalist Brigade and help our team identify Jewish pride, antisemitism and other relevant content on social media to help educate the community. To share content or suggestions please email citizenjournalist@jewishtampa.com .	
Asian and Jewish Community Cooperative	This committee is cultivating relationships with Chinese-Americans, Indian-Americans and Filipino-Americans in the greater Tampa area. Future plans call for the development of relationships with select groups from other countries on the continent of Asia. In partnership with USF Hillel.	TBA
Black and Jewish Community Cooperative (BJCC)	The BJCC is focusing its efforts on a mentorship program for middle and high school students. A program to assist recently incarcerated individuals find gainful employment is in the early stages of development. Partners include the Urban League of Tampa and NAACP.	TBA
Hispanic and Jewish Community Cooperative	New committee forming. Stay tuned!	TBA
Jewish Life & Learning Programming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Education in the Community series – various local clergy share Jewish perspectives on life cycle challenges and Jewish holiday celebrations during a single workshop or presentation. Jewish Geography - Do you know where your neighbor's bubbe came from? Enjoy the sights, smells and tastes of foods from lands far away. Hear first-hand tales of life in the "old country." Learn about family treasures and legacies of which legends are built. No, this is not a game of six degrees of separation. Or maybe it is! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit JewishTampa.com/JLL for updates. Wednesday, August 23, 2023
Responses to Current Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keeps the community up to date on current events around the Jewish community, Israel, and security. Helps organize efforts to generate support for Israel and community members in need (emergency fundraising, rallies/protests, etc.). Works closely with our elected officials and law enforcement to help combat antisemitism and ensure care for the Jewish community's interests. 	N/A

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Shine A Light on Antisemitism Youth Art Contest	Annual 2-D graphic arts competition for students in grades 4-12. Artwork is assessed by a committee of experts and community volunteers. Students win cash prizes. Artwork is exhibited in public spaces throughout the community. Visit jewishtampa.com/shinealight to see this year's winning artwork.	Stay tuned for updates! The next contest will launch in December 2023.
SEASONAL ACTIVITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jewish Heritage Night – Community menorah lighting at a Tampa Bay Lightning game during Chanukah. In partnership with Chabad CHAI. Yom HaShoah – Holocaust Remembrance Day. Details coming soon! In partnership with Synagogue/Federation Partnership. Yom HaZikaron – Israel Memorial Day. Details coming soon! In partnership with Israeli-American Council (IAC). Yom HaAtzmaut – Israel Independence Day. Details coming soon! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coming December 2023 - stay tuned for details! Monday, May 6, 2024 Monday, May 13, 2024 Sunday, May 19, 2024
Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single point of contact at the Tampa Police Department, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, and the Tampa FBI Field Office. All agencies have been very responsive and there has been consistent two-way communication. Serve as primary security point of contact with local law enforcement on behalf of the entire Tampa Jewish community. Requests for extra patrols and special responses throughout the area are made as the situations call for it. Keep the community informed on a timely basis of incidents that may pose risks. Ongoing security training for all TJCCF staff facilitated by law enforcement as well as internally. Trainings include, but are not limited to, active shooter, bomb threat, suspicious person, weather events, and medical emergencies. Security grant opportunities are explored and applied for from multiple funders throughout the year. Assist Jewish organizations throughout the area with the Non-Profit Security Grant program. 	N/A
<i>Third Opinion</i> Podcast	Two hosts, three opinions! Award-winning host Mike Deeson and Laureen Jaffe discuss current events and pressing issues facing the Jewish community and the state of Israel. Past special guests include Alan Dershowitz, Martin Fletcher, Sen. Joseph Lieberman, Joseph Lovett, Uri Morad, Genie Milgrom, Ambassadors Michael Oren and Elin Suleymanov and Alan Zweibel. The weekly podcast airs on WKDW-FM in North Port, Florida, and is available for downloading. Click here to listen.	New podcasts drop weekly. Please subscribe!

The 2023-24 meetings will take place at 7:00 PM on Mondays at the Bryan Glazer Family JCC on the following dates: June 5; August 14; October 9; December 4; February 12; April 8; June 10. Everyone is encouraged to attend in person.