

In The Know

Five Important Highlights from the Jewish Federation of Broward County

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Jewish Community Foundation Honored by the Planned Giving Council of Broward



The Jewish Community Foundation was the proud recipient of the **Planned Giving Non-Profit of the Year Award** at the Planned Giving Council of Broward's 30th Annual Symposium on May 14. This recognition underscores the unwavering commitment to building a lasting legacy for our Jewish community.

The Jewish Federation of Broward County's mission is to strengthen and empower the Jewish community. Through its endowment program, the Jewish Federation has ensured the continuity of vital programs and services, safeguarding our heritage for future generations. Together, we will continue to transform lives and make a meaningful difference in Broward County, Israel, and around the world.

The Planned Giving Council's annual symposium brings together experts in estate and tax planning, financial planning, and charitable giving to share information and discuss best practices for planned giving. For more information about creating your

Jewish legacy, please contact kgoldmann@jewishbroward.org.

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Bring Israel Into Your Home



The Jewish Federation of Broward County is seeking host families for our Shinshinim program from August 2024 – August 2025.

Each year, Broward County is blessed to host community Shinshinim, young Israeli Emissaries who have deferred their army service to spend one year in our community.

Our Shinshinim energize connections between Broward and Israel by participating in innovative Israel education and engagement programming at our Federation, JCC, schools and synagogues. They share their love and passion for Israel and educate our community in meaningful ways.

Opening your home to a Shinshin is an incredible opportunity to build a unique relationship that will last a lifetime. Host families are required to provide the Shinshin with their own bedroom, access to a bathroom, meals, and a welcoming and inclusive home environment. The program provides them with

transportation, cell phones, health insurance, and supervision. Each Shinshin stays with a host family for several months at a time, and the duration of the hosting can be customized for your family.

For more information on the Shinshinim Program or to become a host family, please contact eoppenheim@jewishbroward.org.

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Ensuring Israeli Seniors Can Live Independently



JDC's Supportive Communities Program, funded in part by the Jewish Federation of Broward County, takes a unique and extremely effective approach to ensuring that older and frail Israeli seniors can continue to live independently in their communities. Community "parents" are employed to monitor and help care for seniors, provide basic medical services, and support the seniors as they participate in social activities.

Federation's support has allowed the program to expand, providing house-cleaning, grocery shopping and delivery, extra hours with an at-home caregiver, delivery of medicine and medical supplies, home visits from a social worker, and transportation to medical and other appointments. More than 1500 seniors with varying levels of disability, including 400 who are homebound, benefit from the program. One senior tells us how important the personal touch is in all this. She had nearly given up on ever leaving her home due to her difficulty walking, yet hesitated to complain about everything else going on in the world. Her "community father" noticed her absence

at community events and encouraged her to confide the reason; then quickly found a walker for her to use and helped her get back to attending the day center and visiting with friends. For more information, please contact erincohen@jewishbroward.org.

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Alexander Muss High School in Israel Provides Volunteer Opportunities



Israel needs us now more than ever! High school students ages 15+ can volunteer in Israel on an Alexander Muss High School in Israel (AMHSI) teen mission and **make an impact** by providing immediate relief to the land and the people of Israel.

Alexander Muss High School in Israel is partnering with the Jewish Federation of Broward County to give high school students the opportunity to experience and help Israel as a volunteer from July 7-15, 2024.

Participants will take part in rebuilding, planting trees, cooking, producing, in daycare, working community activities. They will also have the opportunity to meet with displaced community members and the families of hostages.

Throughout their journey in Israel, participants will be guided by experienced High School In Israel educators and staff, ensuring a safe and enriching experience.

Thanks to special grants from RootOne, Mosaic United, and AMHSI, the program cost is \$400 plus airfare. The Jewish Federation will further support participants by subsidizing \$500 for their airfare. [Click here](#) to learn more and apply.

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Serving Our Community Once Again



The Friendship Grill, a Kosher Mediterranean restaurant on Las Olas Boulevard that serves delicious food and provides training and employment for young adults with disabilities, held its grand reopening last week.

The building, occupied by the Las Olas Chabad Jewish Center, the Friendship Circle, and the Friendship Grill, was severely damaged on March 17 in an arson fire.

More than 50 people gathered to celebrate the reopening, including a dozen young men and women with special needs, who are incredibly excited to be back to learning, working, socializing, and serving our community.

The Jewish Federation of Broward County is a proud supporter of the Friendship Grill's Life Skills and Job Training Program and is thrilled to see the restaurant and program fully operational once again. For more information about the program, please visit www.friendship_fl.org or contact

[Nechama Gutman](#).