



# Jewish Federation of Broward County LGBTQ+ Leadership and Advocacy

- Support for the A Wider Bridge program, Changing Landscape: Connecting Broward LGBTQ+ community with the Israeli LGBTQ+ community through missions and programming. Several Jewish Community Relations Council of Broward County (JCRC) partners have visited Israel and have returned as ambassadors for Israel within LGBTQ+ Broward spaces.
- LGBTQ+ training for Federation professionals and Board of Directors. Participants learned how to create an LGBTQ+ affirming environment and developed shared vocabulary and awareness around LGBTQ+ identities and identified ways in to build a community of equality and belonging for LGBTQ+ people.
- The Federation was the lead agency for Shivyon, Keshet's South Florida Leadership cohort, coordinating a tri-county effort involving other Federations, provider agencies, and synagogues.
- JCRC hosted an online forum on intersectionality with Rabbi Denise Eger, the first LGBTQ+ woman to ever serve as president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, and Rev. Shania Leonard. This shattered a glass ceiling—the first-time intersectionality was discussed in South Florida Jewish space.
- JCRC hosted Ritchie Torres, the first openly LGBTQ+ Afro-Latino Member of Congress from Bronx, New York, to discuss the intersection of anti-LGBTQ bias, antisemitism, and anti-Black racism.
- JCRC hosted an online Town Hall with Senator Shevrin Jones, the first LGBTQ+ member of the Florida Senate, to discuss LGBTQ+ issues and his first-ever visit to Israel.
- JCRC partnered with A Wider Bridge and Temple Bat Yam on a Pride Shabbat. Momentum from the effort resulted in an LGBTQ+ club formed at the synagogue.
- Jewish tradition teaches us to treat everyone with respect and dignity. In Florida, laws are being enacted and proposed that hurt trans and LGBTQ+ young people and families more than ever. This is why JCRC is an inaugural member of Thrive Coalition – Jewish Coalition to Defend Trans and LGBTQ+ youth.
- The Federation had an official presence at Wilton Pride and engaged many community members.
- The Federation and JCRC are community leaders in combatting hate crimes and sponsored Strength in Solidarity: Combatting Hate Together, at the Pride Center in Wilton Manors.

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