



Ignite Broward: Come and Be Heard

Ignite Broward is a community-wide listening journey convened by the Jewish Federation of Broward County that aims to engage up to 1,800 residents in Broward County.

Together, we will imagine and ultimately co-create Jewish life in Broward that is joyful, meaningful, and relevant for ALL of us, no matter where we live or how we live our Jewish lives. The central question Ignite Broward asks is: “What are your aspirations for Broward’s Jewish community, now and for the future?”

The heart of Ignite Broward is our “Community Connectors,” a group of about 50 community volunteers and Federation professionals who represent a microcosm of all the generations, geographies, denominations, and demographics of our Jewish community. Community Connectors are leading listening forums, interviewing Jewish residents of Broward County of all backgrounds, hosting home and office gatherings, and providing a variety of ways for people to offer their input via our website and social media. All of the events will be taking place from September 2024 through mid-January 2025.

Why Ignite Broward?

October 7 will forever be a day that changed the story of our people, a real inflection point in Israel *and* here in Broward County. Nothing could motivate us more to position ourselves for a strong, vibrant future. These tragic events have reshaped our physical community and our lives. So, there is no better resource for understanding the needs and dreams of Broward County residents than actually going out and listening to our people.

Through an intentionally designed community listening approach, we will seek to understand: How have our needs as a Jewish community changed? What is important to us? What are our strengths? What are the barriers to a Jewish community that is connected, inclusive, vibrant and meaningful? Where can we grow or innovate? What are we missing in our Broward Jewish community?

How will Ignite Broward impact Broward’s Jewish Future?

Those participating will have a direct impact on Broward’s Jewish future. The themes and insights gathered will be shared with local Jewish institutions and the community. The Federation will use the information collected to make informed funding and program development decisions going forward, as well as its strategic operations.

Additional Information for Participants

Will what I share be kept confidential?

Input shared in conversations, discussions, and interviews will not be attributed to individuals. Information will be used generally to paint the picture of what participants are experiencing and their desires for the future of the community. (Demographic information will be collected separately to ensure we are reaching all of Jewish Broward.)

Can I attend more than one event?

Yes, you can attend more than one listening event if you are interested. We appreciate participants spreading the word to others to help us increase the involvement of a wide cross-section of our community.

How do I get involved?

We are continuously updating our website with dates for our Listening Forums. Please visit www.jewishbroward.org/igniteBroward to learn about upcoming gatherings and sign up. You can also fill out a form to be contacted once additional dates have been set.